



# White-tailed Kite

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALTACAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 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.*

## September

Monday, September 15, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Chico Creek Nature Center

## THE SACRAMENTO RIVER - Its Habitat and Bank Swallows

Part of the Sac River Trust's River Road Show Program

Presented by LUCAS ROSSMERZ

Lucas RossMerz, Executive Director for the Sacramento River Preservation Trust (Sac River Trust), will be bringing their River Road Show to the Altacal Audubon meeting on September 15th. Lucas' presentation will give a quick overview of the history of the Sacramento River and then focus the majority of the program on a very special avian species that lives and breeds in the banks of the mighty Sacramento River - the Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*). The Sac River Trust was founded to protect riparian corridor banks and the natural river processes of the Sacramento River in 1984. Since the founding of the Sac River Trust they have been especially interested in protecting the habitat threatened and endangered species need to survive and thrive. Bank Swallows are a State-listed Threatened Species that winter in Central and South America and then return to California's rivers to breed. Bank Swallows need specific soil types and cut bank profiles in order to create colonies and successfully reproduce. Lucas is the coordinator for the Bank Swallow Technical Advisory Committee's Outreach and Education Sub-Committee and is excited to bring this special species to life for all of the members and guests in attendance at the September Altacal Audubon meeting.



Born in Chico, Lucas is a native to the region and shares an intimate relationship with the Sacramento River. As the Executive Director for the Sac River Trust, he manages environmental document review, outings and float trips, organizes public outreach activities, and gives educational presentations about the Sacramento River Watershed. Lucas earned a B.S. at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in Environmental Management and Protection in 2010, concentrating his studies on water resource policy issues and hydrologic systems. Lucas is happy to be a voice for the Sacramento River, our largest and most valuable river in California.

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## GREBE WATCH 2014!

by DEREK DUNN

Altacal has hit the ground running this Summer with our Grebe Monitoring Project on the Thermalito Afterbay. It is one of only a few important freshwater lakes in Northern California which Western and Clark's Grebes use for nesting. Since Grebes build floating nests, they are highly susceptible to sudden changes in water elevation.

This year, Altacal is partnering with US Fish and Wildlife to closely monitor nests and brood success of the Western and Clark's Grebe, and will be conducting disturbance surveys to further study the degree to which wake disturbance, predation and other factors affect the reproductive success rate of these birds. Keep an eye out for the Grebe Watch kayaks frequenting the Afterbay this year, as we increase the visible presence of bird lovers on the water, while conducting surveys and collecting data. All data is being shared between agencies in an online format, as well as appropriate data being uploaded to eBird, and will eventually be available for the public on Altacal's updated website.

In addition, Altacal is setting up an outreach booth at rotating boat launches around the Afterbay on Saturdays and Sundays, approximately 11-3 when weather appropriate, in an effort to share our excitement about these amazing birds with local boaters, fishermen, school children, and nature lovers of all walks of life. People already know and love "those black and white diving birds", and are excited to share their own observations, as well as learn their names, their breeding habits, and why they help make the Thermalito Afterbay a special place.

If you get a chance, get out to the Thermalito Afterbay, say hi to the Grebe Team, and take a peak through one of our scopes to see these magnificent water birds in action. You may be lucky enough to see them perform their rare "Rushing" mating dance, wherein two or three birds run upright across the water, hydroplaning together before a mutual dive. You may never see a Grebe walk on land, but they can walk on water! Finally, keep an eye on our Facebook page; if you haven't "liked" it already, please do so, and enjoy the Grebe Watch updates, pictures, videos and rare bird alerts you might see posted there.

Grebes are Great! Power to the Grebes!

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### 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*

## from the (Vice) President

by STEVE OVERLOCK, Vice President

The spring migration may be over for our avian friends but it goes on in the Altacal Boardroom. We send a heartfelt and sincere goodbye to our Sanctuaries, Land and Refuge Director, MIKE BOYD. He worked hard to make the position vital and current. One of his many efforts resulted in new birdfeeders at the SNWR Complex. Mike, THANK YOU for all your input and insights. He hopes to continue to enjoy the many venues of Altacal and we look forward to that.



Little Blue Heron  
at Natomas  
by John Lewis  
June 2014

Fortunately, KEN SOBON has migrated right into that position. Ken is another birder extraordinaire and teaches science to young students in the Oroville School System. He is willing and more than able to help out in a number of other areas as well. Altacal graciously welcomes Ken and is excited about all the expertise and excitement he brings.

JOSEPH O'NEIL has offered his services as Vice President. Joseph is a professional arborist with a great passion and knowledge of birds. He is already helping out in many areas and there will be much more in the future, what a fortunate group we are.

There are others worthy of mention who have recently taken on the Facebook page, working the Grebe Grant, web page development and much more. They would be LINDSAY MCDONNELL, KATE BRICE, MATT FORSTER and DEREK DUNN. In addition, MELINDA TEVES is working hard as the Education Chair to initiate Chico's own Certified Bird Friendly Yard.

*THANKS TO ALL*

September is our ANNUAL MEETING. We will take only a few minutes before our speaker, Lucas RossMerz takes the podium, to elect our new Directors and give a short *State of the Chapter Report*. Feel free to nominate a member at any time by contacting a current Board member. These are the only four Board positions determined by vote.

So far the nominations are:

President: STEVE OVERLOCK      Vice President: JOSEPH O'NEIL  
Secretary: KATE BRICE          Treasurer/Finance: LEANN MCCONNELL

Finally, one last thank you to WOODY ELLIOTT for bringing *BirdNote* to the Boards attention and successfully corresponding with KCHO/KFPR so that it now airs at 3:05 pm M-Th. It is a unique two minute segment about birds and much more. You can listen to it online anytime at BirdNote.org.

Enjoy the summer, and hope to see you at our next Program in September.

Best of birding to all, Steve

## 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.*

August 17, Sunday

### **CHICO OXIDATION PONDS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Trip Leader: Matt Forster

We will get a personal and upclose view of the Fall shorebird migration at the Oxidation Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, west of Chico. It will be great to see what shows up next. We've already had two Least Terns. Yellow-headed blackbirds, Great-tailed Grackle, plovers, rails, yellowlegs, sandpipers, dowitchers, returning waterfowl and unexpected migrants. 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. 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: Matthew Forster: [findforster@yahoo.com](mailto:findforster@yahoo.com)

August 24, Sunday

### **MONTEREY SEABIRD TRIP**

Trip Leader: Matt Forster

We will be joining John Sterling and Todd Easterla out of Monterey to try our luck on a Monterey Seabird Trip. They have far-and-away the best boat captain in the region, Richard Ternullo, an amazing naturalist with a degree in biology and several decades of experience in Monterey Bay. His knack for getting the boat aligned in the water to allow the best looks at birds and marine mammals is legendary. All trips feature excellent, knowledgeable, highly-experienced and friendly leaders (no Annie Auklets on our boat! - if you've seen *The Big Year* movie, you know what I'm talking about). Read about their trip leaders at <http://www.montereyseabirds.com/SeabirdTripLeaders.htm>

We will be driving down on Saturday and will be camping so make sure to bring appropriate attire and gear. We will be returning Sunday, after the trip is completed. The price is \$130 per person and goes from 7:30 am - 3 pm. This trip is limited, so if interested, please contact immediately. Matt Forster, [findforster@yahoo.com](mailto:findforster@yahoo.com), 619-347-2269

September 5 - 7, Friday - Sunday

### **POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE**

Trip Leader: Jennifer Patten

Point Reyes National Seashore is well known for its excellent birding. The seashore and surrounding areas offer many different habitats from grasslands, estuaries, and coastal scrub to forests. The projection of the Point Reyes peninsula some 10 miles seaward from the "mainland" makes Point Reyes National Seashore a landing spot for many vagrants - birds that may have made errors in navigation and thus are unexpected in this area. Each fall these vagrants seek out resting spots along the peninsula on their way south. Some of these rarities have included Black-throated Blue Warbler, American Redstart, White-throated Sparrow, Palm Warbler and Prothonotary Warbler. We will visit these vagrant traps (resting spots), such as the Fish Docks, the lighthouse rocks and cliff areas, Abbott's Lagoon, Tomales Bay, Drake's Beach, Bear Valley, Olema Marsh and the famous historic ranches along the way. We will camp Friday and Saturday night at Olema Campground. Please contact Jennifer Patten at 530 345-9356 or [jpchico@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpchico@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in going. Trip is limited to 12.

September 14, Sunday

### **BIRDS & TREES WALK**

### **CSUC BUTTE CREEK ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE**

Trip Leader: Joseph O'Neil, Certified Arborist

We will explore the native trees, shrubs and fall migrant birds of Butte Creek. This is a 3 to 4 mile intermediate hike along the creek (and over some logs) down to the pond. Green Heron, Wood Ducks, Yellow-breasted Chats, Hairy Woodpecker and Coopers Hawks have been some of the many species seen here in mid September. Beavers, otters and jumping salmon 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](mailto:josephoneil@earthlink.net)

## PEREGRINE FALCONS

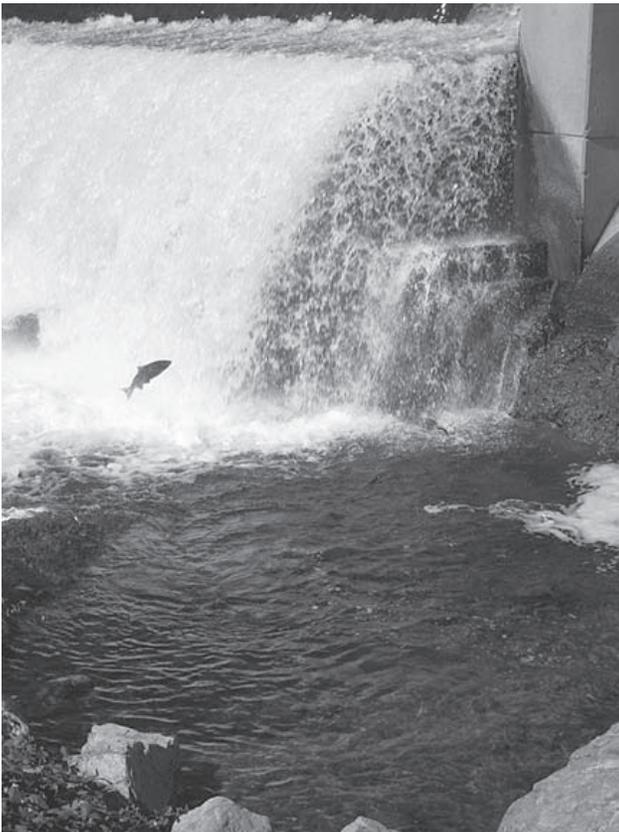
### Found Nesting Below Peregrine Point In Upper Bidwell Park

by WOODY ELLIOTT

September 21, Sunday  
**FEATHER RIVER NATURE CENTER  
& NATIVE PLANT PARK, OROVILLE**

Trip Leader: Dawn Garcia

7:30 to noon. Prepare for an amazing number of jumping Chinook salmon, birds, including our local oak woodland, riparian residents with potential great looks at Rufous-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Swift and Phainopepla, and a lovely walk on the Feather River. Lots of history, native plants and birding. Bring snacks, water, sunscreen, binoculars. From Chico take Hwy 99 to Oroville. Take the Garden St exit. Turn left at the stop. At the next stop take a right on Table Mountain Blvd. Go straight through a couple of lights to the round-about and turn into Old Ferry Road. Park near the Chinese Bath House. <http://www.cityoforoville.org/index.aspx?page=130>  
Contact Dawn Garcia, 530 513-1785



Salmon jumping in Feather River in Oroville

Since 2005 Peregrine Falcons have been seen frequenting the cliffs on the south side of Upper Bidwell Park above the Diversion Pool to Salmon Hole. Gregg Payne took photos of a presumed juvenile Peregrine from Peregrine Point adjacent to the Disc Golf Course that may have fledged from a nearby nest. In April of this year for the first time along the cliffs at Peregrine Point, Paul Lake confirmed a Peregrine pair occupying a nest cavity. In early June I observed with a spotting scope from the Salmon Hole Overlook along the Yahi Trail two downy nestlings in this cavity. In late June these Peregrine nestlings had lost nearly all their white fluffy down and presumably fledged in early July.



Year 2014 was productive for Peregrines around Chico. I found three nestlings that presumably fledged east of Upper Bidwell Park in Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve at the Hoodoo Cliffs below Woodland Park Development north of Highway 32. In Butte Creek Canyon, the cliffs above the Covered Bridge had two Peregrine nestlings. The cliffs south of Centerville Cemetery had three Peregrine nestlings.

These observations have lessened concerns about adverse effects of human recreation on Peregrines that reside on the cliffs at Peregrine Point. However, disc golfers plus hikers and mountain bikers along the South Rim and Guardian Trails above and below the cliffs at Peregrine Point can disturb the Peregrines. This year I also observed during the annual spring multi-agency wild land rescue exercise, helicopters skimming and hovering over these cliffs. This is a disturbance easily avoided. Peregrines illicit a repetitive kreeking call when disturbed as occurred when I gingerly walked over the edge of Peregrine Point to unsuccessfully photograph their nesting cavity.

Observations of Peregrines in Upper Park are most appropriate and easiest with binoculars and spotting scope along the Yahi Trail from Diversion Pool to above the Fish Ladder.

Peregrine Falcon at Peregrine Point, Upper Bidwell Park, Chico  
2011 by Woody Elliott

# Get to know YOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES!

PART 10 - AUGUST / SEPTEMBER



by LORA HALLER, Visitor Services Manager

Have you ever sat and watched a dragonfly? Their amazing aerobatics are fascinating as they dance over ponds and meadows, cruising in one direction and then suddenly dart in another direction, then it might stop and hover like a helicopter. Some even cruise a continuous flight path. All of these behaviors are in search of food: other insects. The late summer brings a variety of dragonflies on the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex as they hunt for prey over the tules.



Dragonfly nymph by Hazel Holby

If you spot two dragonflies linked together, you have spotted tandem linkage where the male is preparing to mate, in process of mating, or in post copulation and "contact guarding" his mate from rivals. Dragonflies go through metamorphosis and begin their existence as eggs in the water. The female deposits her eggs in the water via a perch or by hovering over the water and gently kissing the surface of the water.

The eggs will hatch within a few days to a few weeks into the larvae stage where they might spend up to 4 years living on the bottom of the water hunting small prey including other insects and tiny fish. Witnessing this alien subaquatic creature emerge from the water, its exoskeleton split open along its back, and hatch and unfold into a long-bodied, winged creature is a sight to see. Then after a few minutes or an hour, the beautiful colorful adult will fly off a little flimsy but ready for its short adult life to continue the species existence: eat, mate, die.

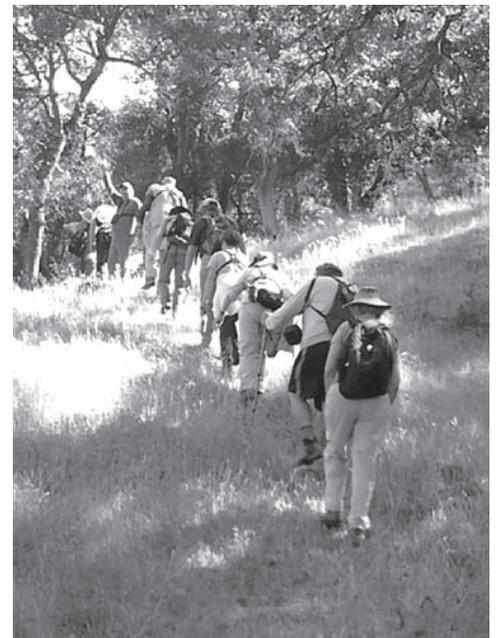
## *Bird Walk and Birding Trip* REPORTS

May 16-18, 2014

### BOBCAT RANCH

Trip Leader: Karen Velas

Karen Velas, Conservation Project Manager of Audubon California led 14 Altacals on a birding hike into Bobcat Ranch near Winters. Our first hike was into Bray Canyon, a beautiful Oak studded woodland canyon. We started out going through a locked gate through some grasslands where a rattlesnake was making his presence known. Thank goodness, as several of us were walking right by it. Hiking into the canyon along a dry wooded creek, some of the birds sighted were **Acorn** and **Nuttals Woodpeckers**, **Oak Titmouse**, **Northern Flicker**, and a flyover by **White Pelicans** and a **Pileated Woodpecker**. A nice added bonus to our hike was seeing a **Gray Fox** scamper up the hillside. Next we drove to the headquarters of Bobcat Ranch, where an old ranch home and barn serves as their headquarters. This area is a hilly expanse of oak woodlands, grasslands, and chaparral. A true California landscape! Here we saw **Western Bluebirds**, **Western Kingbird**, **Savannah Sparrow**, **Say's Phoebe**, **Oak Titmouse**, **Western Scrub Jay**, **California Towhee**, **Ash-throated Flycatcher**, **Turkey Vultures**, and a **Golden Eagle**. Several Altacals camped at Lake Solano County Park, which is along Putah Creek for the weekend. Birds in the campground included, **Yellow-rumped** and **Orange-crowned Warblers**, **Blackheaded Grosbeak**, **Spotted Towhee**, **Western Tanager**, **Canada Geese**, **Wood Ducks**, **Mallards**, **Com-mon Mergansers**, **Tree Swallows**, **Bewick's** and **House Wren**.



# Bird Walk and Birding Trip REPORTS

June 27, 2014

## LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK WINTU AND ALTACAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Trip Leaders: Raina King and Steve King

Well, it was another fantastic camping and birding adventure. Over 60 species of birds were seen or heard by members of Altacal and Wintu Audubon. We had 20 Altacal members participate in this year's Lassen Park adventure. I am not sure how many people came from Wintu but they also had a nice size group. I am not sure where many birds were seen by different individuals but will try and mention the ones I remember seeing or someone told me about.

We gathered at the Lost Creek Campground Friday night and had our first of two potluck dinners. The food was great and we discussed our plans for the next day. In the campground, we picked up **Western Tanager, Mountain Chickadee, Evening Grosbeak, White-headed Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker** and **American Robin**. **Common Nighthawks** were flying overhead as well. **Gray Jays** were seen and a **Pileated Woodpecker** was heard by Altacal members staying in the Crag Campground that is right next to the Lost Creek Group Campground.

In the morning, before we left for our hike, many campers went behind the campground to an old burn area to pick up morning birds. **Northern Pygmy Owls** were heard but not seen. **Tree Swallow** and **Mountain Chickadee** were feeding their young. We organized our carpools and headed to the Hat Lake parking area. Before heading up to Paradise Meadows, we walked about a half mile down the closed road (trail) towards Badger Flat. This takes us into the burn area from the 2012 Reading fire. Along this road, we picked up **Hermit Warbler, Dark-eyed Junco, Lincoln's Sparrow, Cassin's Finch, Olive-sided Flycatcher** and **Black-backed Woodpecker**. We returned to our cars and started our hike to Paradise Meadows. Even though we were a month earlier than last year, the birds did not seem as abundant as the year before. At Hat Lake, we were rewarded with a juvenile **Spotted Sandpiper**. We also picked up **Pine Siskin, Mallard,** and **Red-wing Blackbird**. Continuing up the trail, most people heard and a few saw a **Pacific Wren** and **Golden-crowned Kinglet**. We also nabbed **Wilson's Warbler, Song Sparrow,** and **Yellow Warbler** to add to our growing list.



Altacal & Wintu Audubon at Hat Lake to Paradise Meadows Trail  
Lassen Volcanic National Park, June 27, 2014 by Steven King

We had another great potluck dinner Saturday evening and we spent time tallying our birds and visiting with each other. A small group of people went back to the old burn area behind the campground and found a **Northern Pygmy Owl** perched in the middle of the burn area watching them. A spotting scope was set up and everyone from camp went back for great views.

Sunday morning we walked around Manzanita Lake. We saw **Canada Geese, Pied-billed Grebe, American Coot, Bufflehead, Band-tailed Pigeon, Warbling Vireo, Western Wood-Pewee, White-breasted Nuthatch** along with a flock of 50 **American White Pelicans** flying west overhead. From here it was time to leave the nice temperatures in the mountains and head back to the 100+ degree temperatures in the valley. Hope to see everyone next year!

# THE NEST

by REX BURRESS

As I decided to change my course and go down Little Crooked Path into Blue Oak Forest, I realized that I hadn't been there for a couple years. "Tobey's Trail" had been a regular routine before Arlo Tobey died. The trail through the woods and meadows is still a fortunate bit of wildland nearby that has escaped the developer's reach thus far.



A thicket of blue oak saplings had been born in the sheltering shade of a parent tree, and I noticed a jumble of sticks lodged there indicating a bird nest. Looking closer I discovered that it was indeed a nest, and I almost missed the three babes crouched flat at the bottom, blending perfectly with the brown twigs. They weren't to be tricked by my slight rustling of the leaves which normally would indicate a parent returning with food.

One partially feathered baby did risk a peek, instantly revealing the bright yellow-lined broad rim around its beak. The mouth seemed larger than the rest of its almost invisible body, a receptacle designed to be a target for receiving food from the parent.

There was hardly any indication of what species the infants would become. I watched all of the surrounding trees but there was not a sign of any birdlife. It would seem that the nest was abandoned, but like all babies in the wild, the parents somehow instruct their prodigy to be still and hide until they return.

I had no doubt that I was being watched...by a number of animals, including the bird nest owners. The human intruder is so obvious and clumsy that the keen-eyed and alert wildlife members have no trouble in seeing him, in this case, meaning me! I knew raccoon, turkey, and songbirds abound in those natural woods and ungrazed meadows - I could see their tracks in the dust—but for someone just passing through, the pathside creatures do not reveal themselves. To tune in more intimately, you need to sit down and be quiet, then you will see signs of nervous wild residents.

The next day I stopped by with my binoculars, and even while I was partially hidden against a tree trunk, a parent landed overhead, and seemed quite surprised by my presence. It was a mockingbird! The lady had a huge spider in her beak, evidently planning to feed it to one of her chicks. She poised there watching me for several minutes, and then faded into the foliage.

I went up the trail and watched through my 8x40's, and she dipped down to the nest with her spider, while out on the dusty road, the male watched me closely from the shade.

I wondered about which babe got the large spider. Is it the widest gaping mouth, or can the parent decide who most needs food? In any case, how many hundreds of spiders and insects do the mockingbirds catch and transport to the nest during the couple weeks when the altricial babes are growing? I'm sure the 100 acre blue oak woodland has many other songbirds with nests and hungry youngsters. You also wonder where they find all those insects.

Throughout the community, male mockingbirds sit in the highest tree and sing that fascinating array of musical notes, and yet, a pair built a nest four-feet off the ground!

Why does the mockingbird sing? Is it to announce possession of a certain territory as some claim, or attract a mate, or to draw attention away from the nest? Once the eggs hatch, there would seem to be little time to sing in the cooperative tedium of rearing a family! What force dictates that strenuous effort? By what logic does a pair of mockingbirds select a nest site and proceed to build a container to hold the eggs? We cannot break into their brain waves to know, but maybe it's best to have mysteries to keep us thinking and searching for answers.

A few days later the fledglings were gone. They probably went fluttering into low branches but their ultimate fate is a mystery. Only a lone egg remained, which is another mystery. Life goes on.

*Be like the bird, who / Halting in his flight  
On limb too slight / Feels it give way beneath him,  
Yet sings / Knowing he has wings.*

- Victor Hugo

# Local Chapter Membership Application

*Please join us!*

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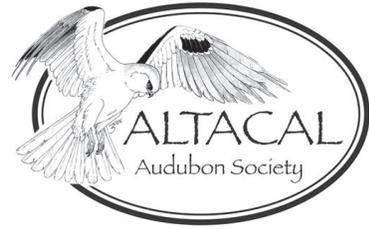
Altacal Audubon Society (AAS) is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. AAS is a separately incorporated non-profit organization with a local chapter membership. 100% of membership dues goes to support local projects and activities. AAS is an all-volunteer organization that conducts all of its programs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



## OTHER ALTACAL ACTIVITIES

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## *White-tailed Kite*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Sep	14	Butte Creek Ecological Preserve
Sep	15	Program - <i>The Sacramento River</i>
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For updated information check the Altacal website  
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