

Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society

Field Trip Schedule

April 2010 – March 2011

Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society field trips are designed to promote understanding and appreciation of wildlife and their habitats. Our aim is to cultivate awareness of outdoor ethics in an atmosphere of friendly companionship. The field trips are free and open to the public. Some area entry fees are required and driving costs are shared. On all trips, wear appropriate clothing and walking shoes for the weather. Bring water, lunch, and binoculars. No pets, please. *The trip leader should be contacted within a week of the trip as cancellation can occur for a variety of reasons. A lack of interest up to two days before the scheduled time may prompt cancellation.*



DIRECTIONS TO CARPOOLING LOCATIONS

Please arrive 10 minutes ahead of time so we can leave promptly at the scheduled time.

De Vargas Mall: Located at Paseo de Peralta and Guadalupe Street. Meet in the parking lot in front of Starbucks on the south side of the mall.

Pecos Trail Inn: (Formerly Pecos Trail Pizzeria) Located at 2239 Old Pecos Trail at the intersection of Old Pecos Trail and Calle Espejo. Park and meet on Calle Espejo.

Santa Fe Place: Located on Cerrillos Road just south of Rodeo Road. Meet in the parking lot west of Mervyn's.

2010 FIELD TRIPS

Every Saturday

RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER

Every Saturday (weather and staff permitting) a naturalist will lead a walk around the RDAC grounds from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Binoculars can be provided. All welcome. *For information, call: 983-4609.*

Saturday, April 10

**MAXWELL NWR
MIGRATING SPECIES**

Leader: Mary Ristow (505) 820-0906,
mristow@newmexico.com

This trip to Maxwell NWR (an Audubon IBA) should yield songbirds and waterfowl and shorebirds. **Meet at Santa Fe Place Mall at 6:15 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

Saturday, April 10

NM ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

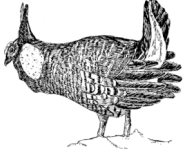
For more information on the Los Alamos meeting and associated field trips, visit: www.nmbirds.org



Friday-Sunday, April 16-18

**LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN FESTIVAL
MILNESAND, NM**

Contact: Tish McDaniel, (575) 762-6997,
chickenfestival@yahoo.com



The Lesser Prairie Chicken males will be showing off at the festival in Milnesand, New Mexico. **Contact Tish or visit:**

http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/recreation/prairie_ckn/Festival.html

Friday-Sunday, April 23-25

BITTER LAKES AND RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS

Leader: Mac Read (505) 699-4340
readjm@earthlink.net

This extended weekend trip to Bitter Lakes NWR and Rattlesnake Springs, Carlsbad NP, is a prime destination to see migrating songbirds, shorebirds and other waterfowl. **Due to the area's popularity this time of year, attendees must sign up with the leader by April 16 so that overnight reservations can be made.**



Saturday, May 8

INTERNATIONAL SPRING MIGRATION COUNTS

Leaders:

Santa Fe: Sheila Gershen, (505) 988-3143

Los Alamos: Steve Fettig, (505) 662-6785

Taos: Karen Epperson, (505) 758-7035

Colfax: Agnes Gibson (575) 377-6128

Rio Arriba: Dale Stahlecker, (505) 466-3453

This is a team event. Less experienced birders will be placed with more experienced birders if possible. **Talk with a count leader at least one week before.**

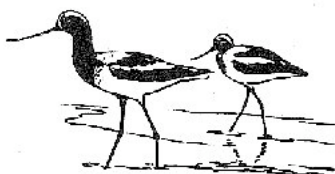
Saturday, May 22

ORTIZ MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Leader: Lawry Sager (505) 474-6282

lawrysager@hotmail.com

Explore the Ortiz Mountains Preserve looking for spring migrants. **Meet at 8:30 at the gate, which will be locked behind the group as there is only a two-track road up through private property to the preserve. Participants must arrive on time. There is a \$5.00/person fee to the nonprofit. Contact leader to check on trip status.**



Sunday, June 6

**ORILLA VERDE
SONGBIRDS, RAPTORS**

Leader: Jerry Friedman (505) 753-1946
jerry_friedman@yahoo.com

On this half-day trip along the Rio Grande we'll be looking for warblers, sparrows, and raptors. **Meet at DeVargas Mall at 6:45 AM or at the Rio Grande Recreation Area Visitors Center in Pilar at 8:00 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

Saturday, June 19

ESPAÑOLA AREA: A VERTICAL MILE OF BIRDING

Leader: Bernie Foy (505) 820-1658,
bdfoy@newmexico.com

The trip begins in the cottonwood Bosque in Española, and then proceeds west along scenic F.R. 144 into the Jemez Mountains. During the day we will pass through every life zone from lowland riparian to spruce-fir forest. A really good day can produce 100 species. **Meet at DeVargas Mall at 7:00 AM or the Lowe's parking lot in Española at 7:30 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

Sunday, June 27

BANDELIER: FRIJOLES CANYON

Leader: Tom Taylor (505) 424-3238,
tn21tay@comcast.net

This half-day trip to Bandelier National Monument starts at the park headquarters in Frijoles Canyon. We will look for warblers, vireos,

grosbeaks, and hope to identify several empidonax flycatchers through their vocalization. Suitable for all skill levels with easy but appreciable walking. Lunch optional. **Meet at DeVargas Mall at 6:30 AM or at park headquarters at 7:45 AM.**

Saturday, July 3

**SANTA FE SKI BASIN
HIGH MOUNTAIN SPECIES**

Leader: Tom Taylor (505) 424-3238,
tn21tay@comcast.net

This half-day trip is at very high altitude with some moderate to steep hiking. However, good birding may be found without too difficult a walk. Previous trips have seen Pine Grosbeaks, Gray Jays, Red Crossbills, and Hermit Thrushes. Appropriate for all levels of birders. **Meet at DeVargas Mall at 7:00 AM, or at the ski basin at 7:30 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

Saturday, August 7

**THREE GUN SPRINGS AND CAPULIN SPRINGS
MOUNTAIN SPECIES**

Leaders: Lonnie Howard (505) 995-9799,
lonnieh@cybermesa.com
Gail Szpatura (505) 471-4496,
gailsz@earthlink.net

On this trip we'll explore eastern Sandia birding areas on the outskirts of Albuquerque. Scott's Orioles and Black-chinned Sparrows are often seen along Three Gun Springs Trail. Suitable for all skill levels with some hiking required. Bring a lunch. Trip ends mid-afternoon. **Meet at Santa Fe Place carpooling locations at 6:30 AM. Contact leaders to check on trip status.**

Saturday, August 21

**APACHE SPRINGS
MOUNTAIN SPECIES**

Leaders: Lonnie Howard (505) 995-9799,
lonnieh@cybermesa.com
Gail Szpatura (505) 471-4496,
gailsz@earthlink.net

On this trip to the upper reaches of the Jemez Mountains you will have a chance to see woodpeckers, flycatchers, and other mountain birds. On some past trips Three-toed Woodpeckers have been spotted. We will be doing moderate walking on alpine trails. Appropriate for all levels of birders. Bring a lunch. Trip ends early afternoon. **Meet at DeVargas Mall at 6:30 AM or at the Apache Springs Trailhead (next to Rt. 4 west of Los Alamos) at 8:00 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society

Invites you to attend their meetings. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. The building is wheelchair accessible. Meetings consist of a short update of environmental issues and chapter activities, followed by a speaker.

Presentation topics vary, ranging from areas of concern for our environment to tropical trips. For more information about speakers and topics, check the *Mountain Chickadee* or the Sangre de Cristo Audubon web site.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Unitarian Church in Santa Fe (at the corner of Galisteo & Barcelona Streets) at 7:30 pm. Meetings are held September, October, November, February, March, and April.

**For information about Sangre de Cristo Audubon or up-to-date information on any of these trips and activities, visit our website:
www.NewMexicoAudubon.org/sdcas**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**WIND RIVER RANCH & LAS VEGAS NWR
MIGRATING SPECIES**

Join Bill West, owner of “Wings West Birding Tours” in Santa Fe, on a day-long birding trip to the Las Vegas NWR and Wind River Ranch, located in Watrous on a spectacular canyon stretch of the Mora River. Expect to see a mix of waterfowl and songbird migrants. **Reservation required.** There will be a **\$25 entry fee per individual** at the ranch. Maximum number of attendees is 11. Sangre de Cristo members will be given priority up to one week before the trip. After August 30 reservations will be on a first come basis. **Meet at the Albertson’s (Zia Road and St. Francis Drive) at 6:00 AM. To make a reservation contact:**

Linda Mowbray (505) 989-8295, birdinglinda@yahoo.com,
or Tom Taylor (505) 424-3238, tn21tay@comcast.net

[Do Not Contact Bill West!](#)

Sunday, November 7

**BACK SIDE LAS VEGAS NWR
WATERFOWL**

LEADERS:

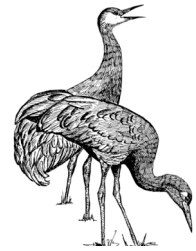
Tom Taylor (505) 424-3238,
tn21tay@comcast.net
Adele Caruthers (505) 984-3279,
adelec@earthlink.net

On this half-day trip we’ll spend some time on the rarely open back roads at Las Vegas NWR looking for waterfowl and several species of raptors. Bring scopes if you have them. Appropriate for all levels of birders. Lunch optional. **Meet at the Pecos Trail Inn at 7:30 AM or at the entrance to the refuge headquarters at 8:45 AM. NOTE TIME CHANGE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS.**

Tuesday-Sunday, November 16 -21

**FESTIVAL OF THE CRANES
Bosque del Apache NWR**

The festival offers many tours, classes, exhibits, and even a wildlife art show. For information call the Bosque del Apache NWR: (575) 835-1828 or visit: <www.friendsofthebosque.org> .



JOIN AUDUBON!

Please enroll me as a member of the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society and National Audubon, with full membership benefits, a year of Audubon magazine, and the *Mountain Chickadee* quarterly newsletter.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

An introductory membership is \$20 and includes Audubon magazine six times a year; subsequent years are \$35.

You can help the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Chapter to continue to expand our activities by making an additional donation to support this brochure.

Please put the chapter code (Q52 7XCH) on the check, make it payable to Sangre de Cristo Audubon, and send to:

Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society

P. O. Box 22083

Santa Fé, NM 87502-2083

Chapter code Q52 7XCH

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

The National Audubon Society began the Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) in 1901. These counts provide important information about wintering bird populations. There are close to 30 counts held in the state of New Mexico and the Sangre de Cristo Audubon Chapter participates in about 10 counts in its area. The 2010 CBCs will be held between December 12 and January 8.

For information, check the web sites:

Sangre de Cristo Audubon;

www.newmexicoaudubon.org/sdcas

The New Mexico Audubon Council;

www.newmexicoaudubon.org

Audubon New Mexico;

www.audubon.org/chapter/nm/nm/rdac

New Mexico Ornithological Society;

www.nmbirds.org

Contact the leaders of each count you want to participate in to make meeting arrangements.

2011 Field Trips

Sunday, January 9

SANDIA CREST

ROSY FINCHES

Leader: Dawn Foy (505) 820-1658,
dmfoy@newmexico.com

This traditional and usually easy trip to see Rosy Finches calls for having hot soup in the Crest House and watching for all three species at the feeders.

Contact leader to check on trip status.

Saturday, February 5

**BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR
WATERFOWL**

Leaders: Linda Mowbray (505) 989-8295
birdinglinda@yahoo.com
Mary Ristow (505) 820-0906
mrillow@newmexico.com

On this long one-day trip we should see large numbers of Snow Geese and Sandhill Cranes, plus raptors and other waterfowl. Appropriate to all levels of birders. Spotting scopes are useful. **Meet at Santa Fe Place at 6:30 AM. Contact leaders to check on trip status.**



Sunday, March 6

**RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER
WINTER BIRDS**

Leader: Adele Caruthers
(505) 984-3279
adelec@cybermesa.com

The Center offers great views of waterfowl from its indoor observation room. We'll be walking outdoors as well. This half-day trip is appropriate to all levels of birders. **Meet at Santa Fe Place at 7:45 AM or at the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque at 8:45 AM. Contact leader to check on trip status.**

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