



# Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society

## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE April 2017 – April 2018

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. If there is a limit on trips, there will be a preference given for Chapter members up to a week before. Some area entry fees are required and driving costs are shared. 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. If you are not in contact with the trip leader, be sure to check our web site for possible changes.

***On all trips, wear walking shoes and layered clothing appropriate for the weather and terrain conditions and bring water, lunch, snacks, and binoculars.***

### 2017 FIELD TRIPS

#### Every Saturday RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER

Every Saturday (except in January), a naturalist will lead a walk around the RDAC grounds, an Audubon Important Bird Area, at 8:30 AM. Binoculars can be provided. Dress appropriately. All welcome. *For information, call: 983-4609.*

#### Sunday, March 12 Tingley Beach And Rio Grande Nature Center

Leader: Nancy Brandt  
505-982-2776, ex4mt@aol.com

This 3/4-day trip will explore the birding opportunities at both Tingley Beach and the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque. Both have several small ponds, where waterfowl can be easily viewed, and varied habitat is present for both resident birds and migrants in the bosque. Although not very far from each other, these settings often have very different birds. We will meet at the north side of the parking lot at the Albertson's on Zia Road and St. Francis Drive at 7:30 AM. Contact leader for trip status.

#### Saturday, April 8 Dusky Grouse : Los Alamos Ski Area

Leader: Joe Fitzgibbon  
505-662-7707, fitzgibbon@newmexico.com

This trip involves a two-mile walk above 8,000 feet from the Pajarito Ski Area to Canada Bonita. Target bird is Dusky Grouse with the possibility of seeing Three-toed Woodpeckers, Red-naped and Williamson's Sapsuckers, Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, and Brown Creepers. Limited to 12 participants. Meet at Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road in Los Alamos, for 7:00 AM departure. Contact leader for trip status.

#### Saturday, April 22 New Mexico Ornithological Society Meeting, Las Vegas, NM www.nmbirds.org

#### Saturday, April 29 Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge Area

Leader: Will Jaremko-Wright  
972-800-3950,  
wjaremkowright@gmail.com

This half-day trip will give the participants a good opportunity to explore the refuge and surrounding area for migrating waterfowl species, plus the beginning arrival of summer songbirds. Raptors should also be present. The group should meet at the refuge headquarters at 8:00 AM. Bring a lunch. Contact leader for further information and trip status.

#### Saturday, May 6 Santa Fe County Big Day

Leader: Roger Clark  
505-231-7369, rogercarolclark@gmail.com

With a multitude of diverse habitats Santa Fe County offers some of the best birding in the state of New Mexico. Timed during the peak of the spring migration, this field trip is designed to cover a host of well-known hot spots and a few that aren't. This is an all-day field trip and our goal is to see over 100 species! Meet on the east side of the Agora Shopping Center (Vista Grande entrance to Eldorado) at 5:30 AM. Please bring food, drink, sunscreen etc. Contact leader for further information and trip status.

#### Saturday, May 13 INTERNATIONAL SPRING MIGRATION COUNTS

Leaders:  
Santa Fe: Sheila Gershen, 505-988-3143  
Los Alamos: Mouser Williams, 505-850-6670  
Rio Arriba: Dale Stahlecker, 505-670-2138  
San Miguel: Cassidy Ruge, 505-425-2757

This is an event to document and assess the spring migration. Less experienced birders will be placed with more experienced birders. Contact a leader two weeks before the count. Some counts are accompanied by an evening potluck, where participants can meet fellow birders and share the day's experiences.

#### Sunday, May 21 Los Alamos : Water Canyon

Leader: Joe Fitzgibbon  
505-662-7707, fitzgibbon@newmexico.com

This half-day trip will involve a one-mile walk up the canyon bottom. Possible birds include Green-tailed Towhee, Dusky and Hammond's Flycatcher, Plumbeous and Warbling Vireo, Western Tanager, and warblers. Limited to 12 participants. Meet at Los Alamos Nature Center, 2600 Canyon Road in Los Alamos, for 7:30 AM departure. Contact leader for trip status.

#### Saturday, June 10 Bandelier : Frijoles Canyon

Leader: Joe Fitzgibbon  
505-662-7707, fitzgibbon@newmexico.com

This half-day trip to Bandelier National Monument starts at the park headquarters in Frijoles Canyon. We will look for tanagers, 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 Bandelier entrance station for 7:45 AM departure. The National Park Service entrance fee will be required. Contact leader for trip status and information.

#### Sunday, June 18 Orilla Verde

Leader: Jerry Friedman  
505-753-1946, jerry\_friedman@yahoo.com

On this half-day trip we'll be looking for raptors and a variety of songbirds. Participants can informally gather at DeVargas Mall (in front of Starbucks) at 6:45 AM to arrange car pooling before driving to the Rio Grande Recreation Area Visitor's Center in Pilar for an 8:00 AM departure. Contact leader for trip status.

#### Sunday, July 9 Caja Del Rio

Leaders: Mary Ristow 505-690-7336,  
mristow@newmexico.com.  
Joanna Hatt 802-318-7181, joanna.hatt@gmail.com

This half-day trip requires high-clearance vehicles and will not take place if the roads are muddy. Possible bird species include Black-throated Sparrow, Cactus Wren, Gray Vireo, and Crissal Thrasher. Limit of 12 participants. Contact leaders for meeting place and time.

Saturday, August 12  
Capulin Springs and Sandia Crest

Leader: Joanna Hatt  
802-318-7181, joanna.hatt@gmail.com

This is a 3/4 day trip to the Capulin Springs area of the eastern Sandia Mountains. We will expect to see montane species such as tanagers, thrushes, warblers, flycatchers, and Band-tailed Pigeons. Bring a lunch. Limit of 12 participants. Contact leader for meeting place and time.

Sunday, August 27  
Santa Fe Ski Basin

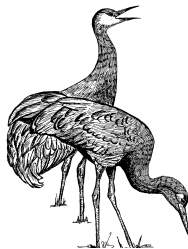
Leader: Tom Taylor  
505-424-3238, tn21tay@comcast.net

This half-day trip is at very high altitude with moderate to steep hiking. However, good birding should readily be found due to the mixed flocks found this time of year. Townsend's and Wilson's Warblers, Warbling Vireos, plus both kinglets and Gray Jays are anticipated. Appropriate for all levels of birders. Meet at DeVargas Mall (in front of Starbucks) at 7:00 AM or at the ski basin at 7:45 AM. Contact leader for trip status.

Saturday, September 16  
Maxwell National Wildlife  
Refuge

Leader: Will Jaremko-Wright, 972-800-3950,  
wjaremkowright@gmail.com

This full-day trip will require an early start to accommodate the two-hour drive to the refuge. However, the reward will be the chance to explore the refuge ponds and extensive fields, giving a chance to see lingering waterfowl and songbirds, migrating sparrows, and an assortment of raptors. We will be meeting in Las Vegas, so participants must contact the trip leader for the early meeting time and place.



Sunday, September 24  
Fall Santa Fe County Excursion

Leader: Roger Clark  
505-231-7369, rogercarolclark@gmail.com

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Sunday, October 1  
Fall Santa Fe County Excursion  
Redux

Leader: Roger Clark  
505-231-7369, rogercarolclark@gmail.com

Building upon the knowledge gained from the previous field trip (please see listing for September 24th) we may visit some of the same areas or explore completely new ones in our search for fall migrants. The goals are the same! Meet on the east side of the Agora Shopping Center (Vista Grande entrance to Eldorado) at 6:30 AM. Please bring food, drink, sunscreen etc. Contact leader for further information and trip status.

Sunday, November 5  
Back Roads of Las Vegas National  
Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Roy Stephenson  
505-500-6413, respidear@comcast.net

This half-day trip will focus on the rarely-opened back roads of Las Vegas NWR. Expect to see migrating waterfowl and raptors. Contact leader for meeting time and place.

November 14 – 19  
Festival of the Cranes : Bosque  
del Apache NWR

The festival offers many tours, classes, exhibits, and even a wildlife art show. The Bosque is an Audubon Important Bird Area. For information call the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge at 575-835-1828 or visit: [www.friendsofthebosque.org](http://www.friendsofthebosque.org).

December 14, 2017 – January 5, 2018  
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 Chapter participates in 10 counts in its area. The CBCs will be held between mid-December and mid-January. Novices are welcome and will be paired with more experienced birders. For information, check the web sites:

Sangre de Cristo Audubon;  
[www.newmexicoaudubon.org/sdcas](http://www.newmexicoaudubon.org/sdcas)  
The New Mexico Audubon Council;  
[www.newmexicoaudubon.org](http://www.newmexicoaudubon.org)  
Audubon New Mexico; [www.nm.audubon.org](http://www.nm.audubon.org)  
New Mexico Ornithological Society;  
[www.nmbirds.org](http://www.nmbirds.org)

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

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An introductory membership is \$20 and includes Audubon magazine six times a year, online access to the *Mountain Chickadee*, and the *Audubon New Mexico Newsletter*; subsequent years are also \$20.

Please put the chapter code (below) on the check, make it **payable to National Audubon Society**, and send to:

Sangre de Cristo Audubon  
P. O. Box 22083  
Santa Fé, NM 87502-2083

Chapter Code: Q52

2018 FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, January 28  
ROSY FINCHES AT SANDIA CREST

Leader: Tom Jervis, 505-988-1708,  
Jervidae@cybermesa.com

A fun trip to Sandia Crest to see Rosy Finches and other winter montane species and watch the banding operation. We'll spend the morning inside the Crest House and if the weather is cooperative, take a walk through the snowy woods to see what may be around. We will car pool from Santa Fe. Contact the leader for meeting time and place.

Saturday, February 3  
Bosque Del Apache/Ladd Gordon  
Areas

Leaders: Mary Ristow 505-690-7336,  
mristow@newmexico.com  
Linda Mowbray 505-989-8295,  
birdinglinda@yahoo.com

On this long one-day trip we should see large numbers of Snow Geese and Sandhill Cranes, plus raptors and other waterfowl. Appropriate for all levels of birders. Spotting scopes are useful. Contact leaders for meeting time and place.

Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society

invites you to attend our 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:

[www.NewMexicoAudubon.org/sdcas](http://www.NewMexicoAudubon.org/sdcas).

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Randall Davey Audubon Center) at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held September, October, November, February, March, and April.