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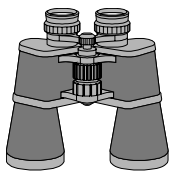


MVAS Programs

Membership meetings and programs are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Programs begin immediately following the business meeting and announcements. Questions? Contact Jennifer Montoya at 526-1320.

Zoologically Speaking. November 20. Join us for a presentation by John Kiseda of the El Paso Zoo. John is an avid birder and is very dedicated to the zoo, where he serves as Animal Curator. He'll update us on important new projects at the zoo, which strives to be a place where people can connect with nature and learn to value our natural resources. John will also share some exciting wild bird news from the El Paso area.

Christmas Bird Counts: Facts and Fun. December 18. What have we learned through almost 4 decades of data collection via the Las Cruces, Caballo, and La Luz CBCs? Nancy Stotz will review some startling trends revealed by our collective efforts during this annual birding extravaganza, and she'll get everyone's eyes (and ears) warmed up with some identification challenges. Who knows—you might even win a prize, just for participating in our preparatory activities, even if you won't be able to join us for any of the counts. Count organizers (see article to right) will also be on hand to finalize plans for all three of our upcoming regional counts.



Field Trips

To receive updates and reminders, sign up for the field trip email list, by emailing Mark Pendleton at mpndltn@gmail.com with SUB MVAS BIRDS in the subject line.

Festival of the Cranes. November 19-24. See box on page 2.

Las Cruces CBC. December 21. See details to right.

Christmas Bird Counts

Las Cruces CBC. December 21. The time is upon us again. Time to get out your binoculars, your thermos bottles, your whatever other gear you take along and take part in the Las Cruces Christmas Bird Count (CBC). We invite you to participate and help make this a successful CITIZEN SCIENCE event! Participation can take the form of joining a team and counting birds for all or even just part of the day; it can also be counting birds at your feeder or in a neighborhood within the CBC circle.

This year, Sean Barham, C.J. Goin, Wayne Treers and Mark Pendleton are teaming up to coordinate the Las Cruces CBC. If you're interested in participating, please contact Wayne at 575-528-8696 or way1mike@yahoo.com, or Mark at 575-635-8711 or mpndltn@gmail.com.

What are some reasons you might want to contact us? Here are a few:

- 1) You've been a team leader in the past and want to be a team leader again this year;
- 2) You've never been a team leader, but think you might like to be one this year;
- 3) You've taken part in the CBC before and want to do so again;
- 4) You've never taken part in a CBC, but want to this year;
- 5) You want to participate in the CBC and even know whose team you want to be on;
- 6) You don't know whose team you want to be on, but you want to take part in the CBC;
- 7) You've taken part in CBCs in other places and want to be part of the Las Cruces CBC this year;
- 8) You're curious about the CBC, but not sure if you want to take part;
- 9) You know where some truly neat birds hang out and want to let us know so we can count them on CBC day;
- 10) You think we're cool!

And don't forget our other regional counts: if participating in one CBC is fun, participating in three must be truly amazing!

Caballo CBC. December 28.
La Luz CBC. January 2.

To volunteer for either the Caballo or La Luz CBCs, contact John Douglas at 575-541-0133 or jlddouglas@zianet.com.

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Looking for recent bird sightings? Visit the MVAS website and Facebook page.

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- National Membership (one year):
Join **both** the **National Audubon Society** and **Mesilla Valley Audubon Society** for the introductory rate of \$20 (a \$15 savings!). You'll receive both *Audubon Magazine* and *Roadrunner Ramblings*. Make check payable to National Audubon Society (NAS).

- Chapter Membership (one year):
Join **just** the **Mesilla Valley Audubon Society** for \$15. You'll receive *Roadrunner Ramblings*. Make check payable to Mesilla Valley Audubon Society.

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Address _____

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Send this form and your check to:

Membership, MVAS
P.O. Box 1645
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Questions about your membership status? Contact Nancy Stotz at 575-521-8087 or nstotz1@comcast.net.

2013 Festival of the Cranes The Year of Photography

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
November 19-24

Talks, Tours, Optics Expo, Art Show, and more!

www.festivalofthecranes.com



MVAS Needs You!

Our annual elections will be held in early 2014. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please contact Nancy Stotz at 575-521-8087 or nstotz1@comcast.net.

We're also looking for volunteers to help out with our scholarship committee and newsletter. The scholarship committee only has one brief busy period each year, when they solicit and review applications from graduate students at NMSU. For the newsletter, we need a task-oriented person to help with mundane mailing logistics, as well as a tech-savvy volunteer to help with our transition to an all-electronic newsletter.

Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, a chapter of the National Audubon Society, is a conservation and natural history organization in southern New Mexico that promotes appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and habitat, through environmental education, issue advocacy, and natural history experiences.

Board meetings are held monthly, on the Thursday before the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM at the Southwest Environmental Center (on the downtown mall). All Audubon members are welcome.

For contact information for officers and board members, visit our website at

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