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MVAS Programs

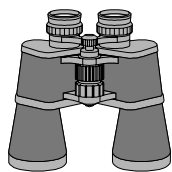
Membership meetings and programs are held each month at the **Village at Northrise, Hallmark Building, 2882 N. Roadrunner Pkwy.**

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Programs begin immediately following the business meeting and announcements.

Birds of Northern Ecuador. September 21.

Bill West, bird guide for WingsWest Birding, will introduce us to birds from a wide variety of habitats, including the cloud forest, mountain foothills, paramo (elevated Andean grasslands) and the Amazon Basin. The presentation will include an account of his experience at an Andean Cock-of-the-Rock lek, close encounters with antpittas and sightings of an array of hummingbirds and tanagers.

Peru is Beautiful. October 19. In April 2008 Peter Goodman flew to Perú, bought a used four-wheel-drive vehicle, and wandered around Perú for more than six months. That journey generated the eclectic mix of images Peter will share in this presentation: Landscapes, images from the daily life of Peruvians in a variety of urban and rural settings, humorous images, birds and animals, and ancient cultural sites.



Field Trips

Field trips are free and open to the general public. Entry fees to some areas may be required and driving costs are shared. On all field trips wear appropriate clothing and bring water and binoculars.

September & October trips still TBA at press time. Attend program meetings to hear announcements, or contact Mark Pendleton at 575-635-8711 or mpndltn@gmail.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed: Tree Planting at Broad Canyon Ranch, Sunday October 23

Help plant velvet ash and New Mexico olive at Broad Canyon Ranch. Audubon New Mexico seeks volunteers to help plant 70 ash and olive seedlings as part of riparian ecosystem restoration at this New Mexico State Parks property north of Radium Springs.

Morning shift: 9:00 AM – 12 noon;

Afternoon shift: 1:30 – 4:30 PM.

Audubon will provide shovels, gloves, refreshments. Please bring your own hat and work boots. RSVP to Steve Cary at 505-983-4609 x 27 and scary@audubon.org.

Intermediate Birdwatching

MVAS will be teaching another bird identification and appreciation course in partnership with the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park this fall. The class will emphasize vocalizations, form and function, and bird behavior. Saturday field trips will reinforce skills learned in classroom sessions. Handouts and materials will be provided.

Classroom sessions will be at MVBSP, Tuesday nights, from **6:30 to 8:30 PM, October 25 and November 1 and 8**. Field trips will be on **October 29 and November 5 and 12**.

The cost for the class is \$40. Space is limited, so register now. For more information or to register for the course, contact Nancy at 575-521-8087.

Southwest Women in Conservation

Audubon New Mexico is holding its second annual event to recognize and honor the diversity of work being done by women engaged in conservation in our region. This event also provides networking and relationship-building opportunities for women and men working in or interested in conservation.

Speakers: Martha Desmond, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology at New Mexico State University; and Amy Irvine, wilderness advocate and author.

Honoring: Eleanor Wootten, co-founder, Mesilla Valley Audubon Society and T&E, Inc., a not-for-profit foundation giving small grants to college students for field biology studies in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico.

Friday, September 30, 10 AM to 2 PM

Randall Davey Audubon Center

1800 Upper Canyon Road Santa Fe, NM

505-983-4609

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National Members: NAS will send you renewal notices.

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Field Trip Report: Percha Dam State Park, July 23. Best bird of the day was undoubtedly the Yellow-billed Cuckoo most of the group got to see—a lifer for all. Other highlights included a pair of Cooper's Hawks that may have been nesting in the woods south of the campground and three early migrant Spotted Sandpipers, still in their breeding plumage. Vermilion Flycatchers didn't disappoint, as the group had great looks at several males. Classic Rio Grande bosque species seen included 5 Lucy's Warblers and 4 Summer Tanagers, among a grand total of 43 species for the day.

compiled from info provided by Mark Pendleton

Bird Notes

Species	Date	Location	Observers
Spotted Towhee	6/01; 22	Percha Dam; MVBSP	BJ; NS
Virginia's Warbler	6/22	MVBSP	NS
Wood Duck	6/22	MVBSP	NS
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6/27; 8/6	Radium Spgs, Las Cruces	MS; LS
Western Tanager	6/27	Radium Springs	MS
Blue-winger Teal	6/28	Rio Grande	CJ
Warbling Vireo	6/28	Radium Springs	MS
White-faced Ibis	6/28	Rio Grande	CJ
Western Screech Owl	7/02	Las Cruces	TT
Zone-tailed Hawk	7/02	Aguirre Springs	DS
Tree Swallow	7/06	MVBSP	CJ
Rufous Hummingbird	7/14	Las Cruces	SWH
Orchard Oriole	7/20	Las Cruces	SWH
Wilson's Warbler	8/09	MVBSP	CJ
Peregrine Falcon	8/12	MVBSP	NS
White-tailed Kite	8/12-14	MVBSP	NS, CJ

Observers: CJ Goin, David Griffin, Barbara Jackson, Sue & Wally Hill, Lorraine Schulte, Marcy Scott, Donna Simonetti, Nancy Stotz, Tommy Tomlin

Please report interesting sightings to Robert Hull at
575-523-8009 or rwhull@zianet.com

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<http://www.nmbirds.org>

Visit the MVAS website at www.mvaudubon.org

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