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Monthly Meeting

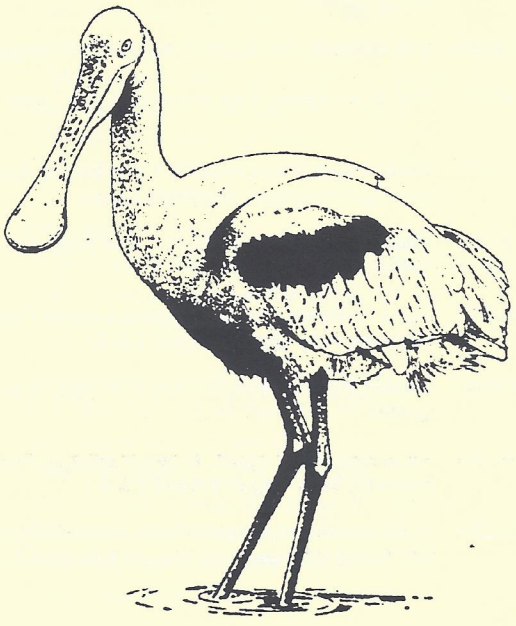
Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center, at the east end of Tecolote Road, off I-5.

Program: Cliff Oliver will talk about the pleasures of bird photography and share some of his techniques for taking good bird photographs.

Next month's meeting: Thursday, May 17, same time, same place. Program to be announced.

Updated Membership Directory in This Issue

Please check to make sure we have your correct address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If we need to make any changes, contact Membership Chair Mary Beth Stowe (her phone and e-mail addresses are on the back page).



SAN DIEGO RARE BIRD ALERT REPORT, MARCH 2001

Compiled by Mike Evans

For additional reports, including early migrants and out-of-range sightings, see the full listing at **http://homepage.mac.com/aves/SanDiego.html**

COMMON NAME	NO	PLUM	DATE	LOCATION	REPORTER
Magnificent Frigatebird	1	F Ad	3/1/01	Cardiff State Beach, over lagoon	Trissel, Rich
Reddish Egret	1		3/4/01	San Diego R. Floodway, near Dog Beach (Robb Field)	Richards, Dennis
Reddish Egret	1	2nd yr	3/8/01	San Diego R. Floodway, near Dog Beach, S-side	Billings, Mark
Reddish Egret	1	1st yr	3/24/01	San Diego R. Floodway, opp. Sea World Park	Greaves, Ed
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1		3/25/01	Scripps Institute Campus, S-end campus, in pines w/ nesting BCNH, NE-corner parking lot, from Discovery Way, via El Paseo Grande	Mulrooney, B.
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1		3/31/01	Scripps Institute Campus, S-end campus, in pines w/ nesting BCNH, in mini park E-staff parking lot off Discovery, end of Grande	Mathos, M.
Ross's Goose	1		3/28/01	San Diego Bay, Otay River mouth, NW dike V & perimeter rd.	Patton, R.
Eurasian Wigeon	1	M	3/3/01	San Dieguito Lagoon, 3/4 mi-E	Billings, Mark
Eurasian Wigeon	1	M	3/4/01	San Dieguito Lagoon, 3/4 mi-E	Billings, Mark
Eurasian Wigeon	2	M	3/8/01	San Diego R. Floodway, betw bridges	Billings, Mark
Eurasian Wigeon	1	M	3/11/01	Peñasquitos Lagoon, S-part of lagoon, reached from path along highway	Smith, Sue
Eurasian Wigeon	1	?	3/11/01	San Diego R. Floodway, E-Sunset Cliffs bridge	Wheeler, Rick
American X Eurasian Wigeon?	1	M	3/9/01	San Elijo Lagoon, from N-end Rios Ave., near sand spit	Mauro, A.
Harlequin Duck	1	F/1st wint	3/4/01	Mission Bay, N-end, close to I-5, at 4th big drainage, N-of boat-launching area, N-visitor's Center	Seay, David
Harlequin Duck	1	F/1st wint	3/7/01	Mission Bay, N-end, on beach, N of boat-launching area, below restrooms	Morse, Gretchen
Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/10/01	Agua Hedionda Lagoon, N-power plant on Pacific Coast Highway, betw lifeguard stand 2 & 3	Hannon, Ann F.
Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/10/01	Mission Bay, NE area, N-most drain pipe, N of Visitor's Center	Mathos, M.
Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/11/01	Agua Hedionda Lagoon, N-power plant on Pacific Coast Highway, betw lifeguard stand 2 & 3	Hannon, Ann F.
Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/12/01	Agua Hedionda Lagoon, W-side, N-power plant on Pacific Coast Highway, betw lifeguard stand 2 & 3	Wheeler, Rick

Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/14/01	Agua Hedionda Lagoon, W-side, N-power plant on Pacific Coast Highway, betw lifeguard stand 2 & 3	Mulrooney, B.
Harlequin Duck	1	M/1st wint	3/18/01	Mission Bay, extreme NE part, N-5th drain pipe, Anza Harbor Resort	Billings, Mark
Swainson's Hawk	1		3/11/01	Sorrento Vly area, Interstate 5, just S-I-805 junction	Sosensky, S.
Swainson's Hawk	4		3/19/01	Borrego Valley	Granger, Suzanne
Pacific Golden-Plover	1		3/20/01	Tijuana R mouth, 200 m-N	Patton, R.
Pacific Golden-Plover	1		3/29/01	Tijuana R mouth, sand dunes, N-side, SE of barrier dune	Patton, R.
Pacific Golden-Plover	1		3/31/01	Tijuana R mouth, sand dunes, N-side, SE of barrier dune	Mulrooney, B.
Glaucous Gull	1	1stWin	3/4/01	San Diego Bay, S-end, from N-end 10th St. & bike path, Imperial Beach	Young, Herb
Glaucous Gull	1	1st wint	3/7/01	S-San Diego Bay salt ponds, N-end 7th St., Imperial Beach	Worley, J.
Glaucous Gull	1		3/11/01	San Diego Bay, S-end, from N-end 10th St. & bike path, Imperial Beach	Mathos, M.
Ancient Murrelet	1		3/10/01	Pacific Ocean, La Jolla Cove	Walens, S.
*Wild Turkey	1		3/17/01	Anza Borrego DSP, Hwy S-2, .25 mi S-Hwy 78 (Scissor's Crossing area)	Theriault, R.
*Wild Turkey	2		3/31/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, N-Stonewall Mine parking area	Wheeler, Rick
*Blue-crowned Parakeet	11		3/25/01	Point Loma, 3703 La Cresta Dr., off Chatsworth Blvd.	Billings, Mark
*Mitred Parakeet	1		3/25/01	Point Loma, 3703 La Cresta Dr., off Chatsworth Blvd.	Billings, Mark
Pinyon Jay	15		3/8/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, on Stonewall Mine area, beyond end of paved rd, 100 m to NW, in tall pines	Pryde, Phil
Pinyon Jay	15		3/25/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, Stonewall Mine Rd, 200 yds in	Mulrooney, B.
Pinyon Jay	7		3/30/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, Stonewall Mine parking lot	Coles, Shane
Pinyon Jay	25		3/31/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, Stonewall Mine parking lot	Peters, Shannon
*Black-throated Magpie-Jay	1		3/1/01	Tijuana R Vly, Monument Road, W-Smuggler's Gulch	Railsback, Russ
*Black-throated Magpie-Jay	12		3/29/01	Tijuana R Vly, Monument Road, W-Smuggler's Gulch	Murton, Jean
Mountain Bluebird	++	M+F	3/28/01	Ft. Rosecrans NC, W-side, Sec. X, Y	Plunkett, Tim
Townsend's Solitaire	1	Ad	3/15/01	Anza Borrego DSP, Oriflamme Cyn mouth	Theriault, B.
Lucy's Warbler	1		3/18/01	Anza Borrego DSP, Borrego Palm Canyon, near "Grove"	Aguilard, D.
Lucy's Warbler	3		3/18/01	Borrego Valley, Borrego Sink, N-end Yaqui Pass Rd., ca. 200 yds into bush	Aguilard, D.

Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	F?/Ba	3/20/01	Encinitas, Self Realization Fellowship Meditation Garden	Hazard, Gjon
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/9/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park, Mira Mesa Blvd, Pacific Bell Bldg, 6350 Sequence Dr., forage high in palm in front of PacBell & Raydyne Comstream bldgs, late afternoon	McCaskie, G.
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/10/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park, off Mira Mesa Blvd, Pacific Bell Bldg, 6350 Sequence Dr., forage high in palm in front of PacBell & Raydyne Comstream bldgs, late afternoon	Mathos, M.
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/11/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park, 6350 Sequence Dr., off Mira Mesa Blvd., 1st in palms behind GenProb Bldg, then between PacBell & Raydyne Com-Stream Bldgs in palms	Smith, Sue
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/12/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park6350 Sequence Dr., off Mira Mesa Blvd., 1st in palms behind GenProb Bldg, then between PacBell & Raydyne Com-Stream Bldgs in palms, also in Magnolia Trees	Hazard, Gjon
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/13/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park6350 Sequence Dr., off Mira Mesa Blvd., 1st in palms behind GenProb Bldg, then between PacBell & Raydyne Com-Stream Bldgs in palms, also in Magnolia Trees	Lubin, Mike
Yellow-throated Warbler	1		3/15/01	Mira Mesa Bus. Park, 6350 Sequence Dr., off Mira Mesa Blvd., 1st in palms behind GenProb Bldg, then between PacBell & Raydyne Com-Stream Bldgs in palms, also in Magnolia Trees	Rogers, G.
Black-and-white Warbler	1		3/31/01	Cuyamaca Rcho SP, N-Stonewall Mine parking area	Wheeler, Rick
Summer Tanager	1		3/4/01	Mast Park, Santee, in cottonwoods, E-side trail	Mulrooney, B.
Lazuli Bunting	1	M/Ba	3/31/01	N-Clairemont, above Marian Bear Park	Hollenbeck, Gus
*Painted Bunting	1	M	3/29/01	Chula Vista residential area, Telegraph Cyn & Nacion	Andersen, Pat
Bronzed Cowbird?	1	M	3/24/01	Cuyamaca Rancho SP, Stonewall Mine Rd, 200 yds in	Wheeler, Rick

SEE A RARE GOOSE ON THE WEB

The Semidi Islands, a small group of islands out in the Gulf of Alaska southwest of Kodiak Island, host one of the world's smallest populations of geese. The Semidi Island Canada Goose, considered by some as a distinct race of the Canada Goose, has a total population of about 140 individuals. These small geese, darker in color than other Aleutian Canada Geese, are the most marine in their habits of all Canada Geese. They have a more vertical profile to the head, caused by an enlarged salt gland above the bill. The entire population migrates for the winter to the Little Nestucca Valley in coastal Oregon. A picture taken there can be seen on SURFBIRDS at **www.surfbirds.com/cgi-bin/birdingworld.cgi** . Note that this site features newsworthy birds, and the featured picture changes frequently, so access this picture soon, if you're interested.

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