President’s Corner
Rudy Darling, SFAS President

Ah spring! The sap is rising, the air is warm, and best of all, the migratory birds are returning to raise new recruits for their species. I love spring. Hearing the first Orange-crowned Warblers singing their hearts out is a trilling experience. Seeing the first Black-headed Grosbeak of the year show up at my feeder brings me great joy because I know the others aren’t far behind. Soon the entire cast of characters has returned, filling the air with song – I never tire of the old standards.

In spring, birding activity is in full swing. Field observers and ornithologists are stirring. Surveys are made for Tricolored Blackbirds and Willow Flycatchers, both projects partially funded by SFAS. Volunteers from SFAS are out doing bird surveys, such as those conducted by Sierra Streams Institute. Everyone can get out and visit favorite birding spots like Spenceville Refuge or South Yuba River State Park. SFAS sponsors many field trips to take advantage of the variety and visibility of avian life in spring. There are walks geared to beginners (others welcome as well), visits to local hot spots, trips to distant places, outings of all kinds. Please take a look at the listings in The Phoebe and join one or more of the outings. I bet you won’t regret it. There is no better way to spend a few hours than enjoying birds in the spring (well, I may be a bit prejudiced).

Spring is also the time when the Nevada County Breeding Bird Atlas field work is in full swing. This is the final year of this SFAS GENERAL MEETING

June 7th at 7:00 pm at the Community Room
of the Madelyn Helling Library in the Government Center in Nevada City

Black Rails in the Sierra Nevada Foothills

Sean Peterson has been interested in birds ever since he was six years old when he watched a Northern Goshawk hunt a Mallard in northern Minnesota. He has been studying birds for over a decade, and received his Master’s degree from the University of Minnesota in 2014 for a study on the spatial ecology of Golden-winged Warblers. In 2015, Sean joined Dr. Beissinger’s lab at UC Berkeley, focusing on the spatial ecology and occupancy of Black and Virginia Rails in the Sierra Nevada Foothills.

The summer of 2018 will mark the 17th consecutive year of monitoring Black Rails in the Sierra Nevada Foothills. This population is one of three remaining in California and has weathered drought, wildfires, disease, and dynamic habitat patches in a working landscape. Sean is very excited to share what they’ve learned about Black Rails over the last 17 years. This presentation will touch on changes in occupancy over time, population dynamics, habitat associations, and what we expect to see in the future given current trends.

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five-year project led by Steve and Diane Rose. They have been madly reviewing the data from the first four years and are trying to fill in some unexpected holes in the findings. You can help, too. Do you have a bird box? What is nesting in it? Did you see a bird carrying nesting material, food to feed young, a nest with eggs or young? Make a note of it and send the information (species, date, location) to the Roses (gnateater@gmail.com). We are especially lacking information on owls. Send any springtime owl observations to the Roses or to me (rdarling@sbbmail.com, 530-272-6504).

As spring moves into early summer look for family groups of birds as the parents madly feed their young and teach them to find their own food and become independent. This is when the old songs intertwine with new utterances – desperate peeps, cheeps, and pleadings as parent birds fly in with the next meal to fill the bottomless pits that serve as the young ones’ stomachs. One of my favorites is the incessant begging of young Great Horned Owls like the ones that are perennial fixtures in my neighborhood. You may have heard this sound and wondered, “What the heck was that?” This very strident screech, similar to the screech of a Barn Owl, can go on all night from August through November (to hear it, search the internet for “great horned owl begging sounds”). By the way, it is one way to confirm that a Great Horned Owls are breeding nearby for the breeding bird atlas (see above – let us know!). It is also a good way to scare a group of pre-teen girls sleeping outside at a birthday party. I know; it happened to my daughter and her friends one September. They came charging into the house with eyes as big as an owl’s, crying, “Dad, there’s this horrible screech outside!” Once they learned that it was only a hungry owlet, things settled down (though they probably didn’t get to sleep for hours – but that’s another story unrelated to birds).

Another thing to watch for (and hopefully not find) is a small bird, like a warbler or junco, feeding a fledgling twice its size. The latter is not a genetically modified giant created in a lab somewhere. It is a young Brown-headed Cowbird whose parasitic mother laid her eggs in the other bird’s nest to be raised by the unsuspecting smaller bird. Often the larger cowbird will outcompete its smaller nestmates for incoming food or will simply boot them out of the nest. In either case the nestmates may die and the parents will be overworked. That’s why birders are not happy to observe cowbirds (except on a Big Day, of course, but only one is needed, thank you very much).

There is so much bird action to see and hear in spring and summer, but you have to get out of the house. I hope to see you outdoors soon and we can swat mosquitos together.
Nevada County Conservation Report

Audubon California report

New Legislation Seeks to Protect California Birds from Trump Administration Rollbacks

Effort will give state power to maintain protections in light of administration’s gutting of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

With the Trump Administration moving to gut key provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, new legislation introduced today would give California officials the authority to maintain vital protections for the state’s incredible diversity of birds. Assembly Bill 2627, sponsored by Audubon California, will allow the state’s Fish and Game Commission to protect birds from oil pits and spills, power lines, communications towers, and other threats even as the federal government refuses to do so.

“This measure will ensure that California can maintain its tradition of safeguarding our birds and protecting our treasured ecosystem for future generations,” said the legislation’s author, Assemblymember Ash Kalra. “It is important for us to send a message that California will continue its legacy of conservation, especially as the federal administration weakens environmental protections.

The MBTA is one of the nation’s oldest environmental laws, and has been the foundation of protections for migratory birds in North America for more than a century. In December of last year, the Trump Administration broke with tradition and issued a legal opinion stating that Act would not be enforced for the killing of birds that occurred during otherwise lawful activities (such as oil drilling).

This is particularly alarming because the Act has been used not only to enforce violations, but also to compel industries to proactively take steps to minimize the impacts of their operations. The Administration’s new legal interpretation opens the door for industries like mining and oil drilling to kill migratory birds without attempt to avoid or mitigate such impacts.

Assembly Bill 2627 will amend California law to clarify that the state may issue orders, rules, or regulations that are more protective of migratory birds than the rules or policies set forth by the Department of the Interior. In so doing, the State of California is clearly stating that it will not be forced to adopt the federal government’s weak approach to protecting migratory birds.

“As the federal government continues to roll back key environmental protections like the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act, California is stepping up to protect its people and natural resources,” said Sarah Rose, executive director of Audubon California. “The Migratory Bird Treaty Act has been essential to protecting birds we love, such as the Red-tailed Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Common Loon and Burrowing Owl. This bill is vital if we want a future that we can be proud to leave to our children.

The Administration’s legal interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was
Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park
Friday, May 4, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leaders: Bob Slyker 530-205-9011
bgsly@aol.com

We’ll meet at Bridgeport’s north parking lot (just past the Yuba River highway bridge). This approximately two hour walk takes us along Kentucky Creek and the Yuba River. We may see common foothill species including Hairy Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black Phoebe, Spotted Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat, American Dipper or Black-headed Grosbeak as well as the resident nesting Bald Eagles. If weather is questionable contact Bob.

Bird Walk for Beginners - Traylor Ranch, Penryn
Saturday, May 5, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leader: Bill Covington 916-645-0727

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot off Humphrey Road at the southeast corner of Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn. Note: the address for the Reserve is 5050 English Colony Road in Penryn. This trip is intended for beginners, but experienced birders are welcome and add to the experience for all. Traylor Ranch affords an opportunity to see the resident species of the lower foothills and valley floor, usually twenty or more different species. We’ll spend about two hours and walk a little more than a mile. Come on out, bring your binoculars and help us find some birds. The more eyes and ears, the more birds we’ll see. Here’s the Placer Co. web site for Traylor Ranch:
http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/facility/parks/parks-content/parks/traylor-ranch-nature-reserve.

Black Swan Preserve
Sunday, May 6, 2018
6:30 -11:30 AM
Leaders: Steve & Diane Rose
nevcountybb@gmail.com

This recently acquired Bear Yuba Land Trust property already has a bird list north of 100 species. Its large pond system with a towering hydraulic cliff is the center piece of the preserve. We will take a leisurely one mile stroll down a gently sloping jeep track and should see a variety of migrant and resident flycatchers, vireos, swallows, warblers and sparrows. By this date, Yellow-breasted Chat should be on territory, giving its fantastic songs and calls. Plan to be birding until late morning. Bring binoculars, snacks, water, and lunch if you want it. Meet no later than 6:30 AM, at the Park and Ride lot on Rough and Ready Highway, just north of Highway 20 and Penn Valley Dr. If you plan to attend or if you have questions, or weather is questionable, please email Steve and Diane at nevcountybb@gmail.com

Cascade Canal Trail
Friday, May 11, 2018
7:30 – 10:30 AM
Leader: Rudy Darling (530) 272-6504
rdarling@sbbmail.com

Meet at the auxiliary parking area, which is a tenth of a mile or two downhill from Banner-Lava Cap Road on Gracie Road, Nevada City (NOT the disputed lot at the corner of Gracie and Banner-Lava Cap Roads). All of the spring migrants should be back and singing their hearts out by now. We will learn to identify encountered species by song and sight. We should find Black-headed Grosbeak, MacGillivray’s Warbler and other local warblers, Western Tanager, vireos, wrens, and much more. This is a moderate hike on mostly level ground. If we make it as far as the Land Trust’s Woodpecker Preserve, the trail becomes steep but those with mobility issues could elect to return to their vehicles. If weather is questionable contact Rudy.

Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park Saturday
Saturday, May 19, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leaders: Carol & Bruce Malnor 530-263-9392
cmalnor@comcast.net

We’ll meet at Bridgeport’s north parking lot (just past the Yuba River highway bridge). This 2-hour walk takes us by the Visitor’s Center and along Kentucky Creek to the Yuba River. We may see common foothill species including California Scrub-Jay, Band-tailed Pigeon, California Quail, Black Phoebe, Bullock’s Oriole, Acorn Woodpecker, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow Warbler or American Dipper. If weather is questionable contact leaders.

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Bird Walk For Beginners In Grass Valley
Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leader: Dan Stewart 530-265-4677
dcstew@outlook.com

This walk is designed for beginners, but more skilled birders are helpful and welcome. We’ll talk about binoculars, how and where to find birds, what to look for when you find one. We meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of the Briar Patch Market on Sierra College Drive in Grass Valley. We walk for a little less than two miles and it usually takes about two hours. Fifteen to twenty different species are almost guaranteed, especially with enough sharp eyes and ears. It’s a nice walk up the hill at Sierra College and back to the Briar Patch. Come on out and help us find and identify some birds.

Bird Walk For Beginners In Grass Valley
Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leader: Bill Covington 916-645-0727

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot off Humphrey Road at the southeast corner of Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn. Note: the address for the Reserve is 5050 English Colony Road in Penryn. This trip is intended for beginners, but more skilled birders are helpful and welcome. We’ll talk about binoculars, how and where to find birds, what to look for when you find one. We meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of the Briar Patch Market on Sierra College Drive in Grass Valley. We walk for a little less than two miles and it usually takes about two hours. Fifteen to twenty different species are almost guaranteed, especially with enough sharp eyes and ears. It’s a nice walk up the hill at Sierra College and back to the Briar Patch. Come on out and help us find and identify some birds.

Birding Hot Spots: Eastern Nevada County
Saturday, May 19, 2018
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM (approximately)
Leaders: Rudy Darling 530-272-6504
rdarling@sbbmail.com
Ted Beedy 530-274-7232
tbeedy@comcast.net

Part two of a two-part field trip series coinciding with the leaders’ Sierra College Community Education class, “Birding Hot Spots: Eastern Nevada County,” but open to all. Meet in the parking lot of the Rood Government Center, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City. This trip is designed to show area birders where Big Day veterans go to find a maximum number of species in eastern Nevada County from Donner Summit to Boca Reservoir. Bring a lunch. Required: contact Rudy or Ted to reserve a spot. If weather is questionable contact leaders.

Field Trip to Sierra Valley
Wednesday June 6, 2016
6:30 AM to ?
Leader: Dale Rubach 530-272-3698
rugby7676-birds@yahoo.com

Meet in the parking lot of the Rood Government Center, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City (just off Hwy 49) at 6:30 AM. This is an all day trip with some walking on level ground. Sierra Valley is located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada encircled by the towns of Sierraville, Loyalton and Portola. In spring its environs offer suitable habitat for many interesting species. We will look for migrating waterfowl, Swainson’s Hawk, American Bittern, White-faced Ibises, Virginia Rail, Sora, Wilson’s Phalarope, Sandhill Crane, Willie, Wilson’s Snipe, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Marsh Wren, Sage Thrasher, Vesper and Brewer’s Sparrows. This is a truly unique and interesting area. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. If you plan to attend or if you have questions, or weather is questionable, please contact me.
**Snag Forest Field Trip**

Saturday June 9, 2018
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Leader: Christy Sherr
chrestysherr@johnmuirproject.org
www.johnmuirproject.org

Mixed intensity fires and native beetles create some of the most
productive and critical habitats for California birds and wildlife. Large, dense patches of standing dead trees are preferred by a host of plants, insects, mammals, and birds such as Black-backed Woodpeckers. Surprisingly, that includes even many of our most threatened and endangered species such as Spotted Owls and Pacific fishers. Come find out more about why so many wildlife species benefit from conditions created by beetles and fire. We will visit two different post-fire areas within the same vicinity, and compare our anecdotal observations of bird species diversity and density.

We'll meet in the Grass Valley K-Mart parking lot - east end at 7:00 am and return there by 3:00 pm. Drive time to the snag forest near Foresthill, CA is approximately one and one quarter hours. Easy to moderate walking. Bring lunch, sun-protection and plenty of water. If you plan to attend or if you have questions, or weather is questionable, please contact Christy.

**Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park**

Saturday June 9, 2018
7:30 AM
Leaders: Carol & Bruce Malnor 530-263-9392
cmalnor@comcast.net
and Bob Slyker 530-205-9011
bgsl@aol.com

We'll meet at Bridgeport’s north parking lot (just past the Yuba River highway bridge). This approximately two-hour walk takes us along Kentucky Creek and the Yuba River. We may see common foothill species including Hairy Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black Phoebe, and Spotted Towhee, as well as summer resident Yellow-breasted Chat, Black-headed Grosbeak, Cliff Swallow and Bald Eagles.

**Beginner’s Bird Walk – Miner’s Ravine, Roseville**

Monday June 11, 2018
9:00 - 11:00 AM
Leader: Heath Wakelee 916-870-5253
hwaakelee@gmail.com

Meet at 9:00 AM at the bottom of the parking lot behind the UA Olympus Pointe movie theaters located at 520 N. Sunrise Ave., in Roseville. This is a paved, multi use trail with a gentle slope. We should see many oak woodland species of birds and the treat (we hope) will be White-throated Swifts near our turn around point. Round trip is about 1 ½ miles. Please call Heath with questions or for help with directions.

**Bird Walk For Beginners In Grass Valley**

Sunday, June 17, 2018
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Leader: Dan Stewart 530-265-4677
dcstew@outlook.com

Meet in the Briar Patch parking lot at 8:00AM. See May 20, 2018 listing for trip description.

**Field Trip to Loney Meadows**

Tuesday June 19, 2018
7:00AM - 12:00 Noon (or thereabouts)
Leader: Rudy Darling 530-272-6504
rrdarling@sbbmail.com

50 miles driving, 2–3 mile walk on a relatively level trail.

Meet in the parking lot of the Rood Government Center near the jail, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City to carpool. Higher clearance vehicles are recommended.

Loney Meadows, a picturesque mountain meadow, is uphill from Nevada City on Bowman Road. We will circumnavigate the meadow to look for mid-elevation breeding birds, such as Lincoln’s Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, White-headed Woodpecker, and MacGillivray’s Warbler. Bring water and snacks. Contact Rudy if weather is in doubt.

**Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park**

Saturday, July 7, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM
Leader: Bill Covington 916-645-0727

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot off Humphrey Rd. at the south- east corner of Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn. Note: the address for the Reserve is 5050 English Colony Road in Penryn. See May 5, 2018 listing for trip description.

**Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park**

Saturday, July 14, 2018
7:30 AM
Leaders: Bob Slyker 530-205-9011
bgsl@aol.com
and Carol & Bruce Malnor 530-263-9392
cmalnor@comcast.net

We’ll meet at Bridgeport’s north parking lot (just past the Yuba River highway bridge). This approximately two hour walk takes us along Kentucky Creek and the Yuba River. We may see common foothill species including Downy Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, Black Phoebe, Spotted Towhee, Chirping Sparrow, Stellar Jay and near the river, American Dipper.

**Bird Walk For Beginners - Traylor Ranch, Penryn**

Saturday, July 14, 2018
8:00 -10:00 AM
Leader: Bill Covington 916-645-0727

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot off Humphrey Road at the southeast corner of Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn. Note: the address for the Reserve is 5050 English Colony Road in Penryn. See May 5, 2018 listing for trip description.

**Bird Walk For Beginners In Grass Valley**

Sunday, August 14, 2018
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Leader: Dan Stewart 530-265-4677
dcstew@outlook.com

Meet in the Briar Patch parking lot at 8:00AM. See May 20, 2018 listing for trip description.

**Bird Walk for Beginners - Traylor Ranch, Penryn**

Saturday, September 1, 2018
8:00-10:00AM
Leader: Dan Stewart 530-265-4677
dcstew@outlook.com

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot off Humphrey Road at the southeast corner of Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn. Note: the address for the Reserve is 5050 English Colony Road in Penryn. See May 5, 2018 listing for trip description.

**Bridgeport at South Yuba State Park**

Saturday, September 8, 2018
7:30 AM
Leaders: Bob Slyker 530-205-9011
bgsl@aol.com
and Carol & Bruce Malnor 530-263-9392
cmalnor@comcast.net

We’ll meet at Bridgeport’s north parking lot (just past the Yuba River highway bridge). This approximately two hour walk takes us along Kentucky Creek and the Yuba River. We may see common foothill species including Downy Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, Black Phoebe, Spotted Towhee, Chirping Sparrow, Stellar Jay and near the river, American Dipper.

**Bird Walk For Beginners In Grass Valley**

Sunday, September 16, 2018
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Leader: Dan Stewart 530-265-4677
dcstew@outlook.com

Meet in the Briar Patch parking lot at 8:00AM. See May 20, 2018 listing for trip description.
Four years ago eBird, the online bird sighting database from Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (ebird.org), started an annual Global Big Day. Last year more than 20,000 people across 162 countries collectively reported 6,637 species of birds. This was more than 60% of the world’s bird diversity and a new world record for most bird species reported in a single day. This year’s Global Big Day is Saturday, May 5, which is just about the time of the annual SFAS Bird-A-Thon (BAT). We thought, why not combine the two events and both earn funds for SFAS and contribute to the Global Big Day effort?

Both of our perennial BAT teams have signed on. Avian Nation (Ted Beedy, John Lace, Rudy Darling) will direct its efforts to birding Yuba County after many years covering Nevada County and one foray into Sierra County. The Crafty Old Coots (Don Rivenes, Dan Stewart, Jim Groeser) will also be out beating the bushes for birds and ticks. We invite all members to report their bird sightings for May 5 to eBird to advance the Global Big Day cause. Now, if you’re going to do that, why not help raise funds for SFAS’ Bird-A-Thon? It’s easy. Just form a team of 1-4 people, get friends, neighbors, relatives, businesses, etc. to pledge to your team, go out on May 5 and have fun birding. Pledges can be a per species pledge or a flat pledge. If you can’t get out that day, we invite you to pledge to one of the teams that is taking the time to advance SFAS’ education and conservation programs and eBird’s citizen science effort. Just email Rudy at rdarling@sbbmail.com with the amount you wish to pledge, and to which team it should be directed. Even if you don’t read this until after May 5, it’s never too late to pledge.

Education Committee

Science night at Scotten School again perked the interest of a crowd of lower graders. The gym was filled with tables displaying many phases of science: from animal bones to birds and beyond. Judy Netherwood and numerous other teachers put on a fun and educational evening annually. The Audubon table featured two vertical 3 ft. by 3 ft. boards with photos of our local birds. Names of the birds are on velcro-backed strips and the kids match the names with the correct bird photo. Next to these were three microscopes where bird feathers were viewed.

The Audubon chapter urges parents to talk up the Audubon presentations to their kid’s teachers to add more science and art to the curriculum. The kids learn how easy it is to draw birds using basic shapes. Every presentation is tailored to meet the needs of the students. For more information please call 530 432-6596.

Concerning hummingbirds------One of the most exciting bird attractions right around now is the show our 4 species of hummers put on around the yards and at the feeders. The number 4 being the number of species that are seen in our area. A good number of Anna’s stay here all 12 months. The rufous-colored Rufous is next most prevalent. The tiniest is the chunky little Calliope with the male’s red streaks covering the throat. The wing tips reach down to the tip of the tail during perching. Infrequently seen, also, is the sway-backed Black-chinned hummer with a very white lower neck. (Anna’s and Calliope have a salt and pepper lower neck). Check your bird books to see where the hummers end up nesting in the lower states and Canada.
roundly criticized by conservationists and dozens of former Department of Interior officials from both political parties. For example, representatives from more than 500 conservation groups and other organizations from all 50 states recently signed a letter urging Congress to defend the Act.

The Trump Administration’s legal opinion is not the only attack on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act coming out of Washington, D.C. In November, amendment that would exempt oil and gas companies from its provisions was introduced as part of a larger energy bill.

About Audubon California

Audubon California is building a better future for California by bringing people together to appreciate, enjoy and protect our spectacular outdoor treasures. With more than 350,000 members and supporters in California and an affiliated 48 local Audubon chapters, Audubon California is a field program of the National Audubon Society. More information is available at ca.audubon.org.
The mission of the Sierra Foothills Audubon Society is to educate ourselves and others to the variety and the beauty of our natural environment and to protect our wildlife and natural places.

Nominating Committee Report

By Don Rivenes, Nominating Committee Chair

The June membership meeting will begin with the election of new officers and Board members.

The Nominating Committee nominates the following members for officers:

- Rudy Darling – President
- Will Hall – Vice President
- Don Rivenes – Treasurer
- Open – Secretary

Nominations from the floor for additional candidates will be accepted.

The Nominating Committee presents the following list of candidates for the two-year term as Board of Directors:

- Jane Hall
- Dale Rubach

Nominations from the floor for additional candidates will be accepted.

Returning members of the Board for a remaining one-year term are:

- Patti Deluca
- Jim Groeser
- Dan Stewart
- Teresa Thomas
- Heath Wakelee

Each year the Nominating Committee also selects individuals that have been outstanding as an activist and volunteer for the Sierra Foothills Audubon Society.

Please come to the meeting and celebrate these dedicated volunteers!