

THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

## BIOBLITZ: EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!

By Steve Cary, Audubon's Community Naturalist, aka "The Butterfly Guy"

Recently, experts and volunteers worked to understand biodiversity at the Randall Davey Audubon Center (RDAC) and The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Santa Fe Canyon Preserve, which together comprise one of New Mexico's Important Bird Areas (IBAs).



Their collective 660 acres span diverse plant communities from conifer woodlands to piñon-juniper savanna, riparian habitats, and the maintained gardens of the Center. Hundreds of different organisms live in this place. Audubon hosted a BioBlitz June 1-3, 2012, to better determine the species that rely on these habitats so we can educate our visitors about the surrounding lands and be better stewards. Biologists in various taxonomic groups, with TNC and Audubon staff, offered 10 programs, entertained more than 100 guests, and tallied more than 300 species!

**Birds:** The BioBlitz stimulated excellent interest among the top birders in the Santa Fe area. Jonathan Batkin, Suzanne Fahey, Bernie and Dawn Foy, Stacey Fradkin, Cheryl Grindle, John Remaly, Jan Saunders, and Rocky Turner were among the many birders who logged 48 species from Friday through Sunday. Among the coolest species heard or seen were American Wigeon, Plumbeous Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, Hermit Thrush, and four warblers: Virginia's, Wilson's, MacGillivray's, and Black-throated Gray. Black-chinned and Broad-tailed hummers were a big hit, as were two White-breasted

Nuthatches teaching their three youngsters how to find food in the corrugated bark of Randall Davey's huge cottonwoods. The working bird list for the area includes 195 species.

**Lizards:** Robert Martin, a TNC staffer and our guest herpetologist, gave an excellent program where visitors could touch and listen to various native lizards and frogs. He then led a fun exploration for lizards and snakes through the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve. Eventually TNC hopes to restore northern leopard frogs to the beaver ponds, which would add a nice musical notes to the experience of being there.

**Plants:** The plant list for this IBA exceeds 250 species. During the BioBlitz, botanists Roger Peterson and George Cox identified roughly 104 plant species. That total included several new ones to add to the overall list. One plant newly documented for the area was the beautiful scarlet hedgehog cactus.



**Arthropods:** This is a HUGELY DIVERSE group of small animals that includes insects, spiders, and crustaceans. Some are active at night and live largely unnoticed. Others are familiar nuisances, like ants or flies. Like them or not, all are critical to proper ecosystem function.

**Bees:** We were excited to have University of New Mexico Ph. D.

### SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS



*"We need more programs like at the Audubon. It's such a relief to see kids outside interacting with their peers and the natural world around them in such a positive, engaged, and stimulating way. We could all learn from the Audubon!" comment by a camp parent from the first week of summer camp, Fantastic Feathers.*

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*Audubon New Mexico's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PERCH:

### VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS AT THE RANDALL DAVEY AUDUBON CENTER

In this issue, we tried to focus on the great work happening at the Randall Davey Audubon Center in Santa Fe by sharing updates on projects that happen because of the amazing support, hard work, and ambassadors that volunteer for Audubon. (We couldn't help inserting a few Audubon New Mexico statewide stories too.) Of course Audubon employees like Steve Cary, Carl Beal, and Cara Goodwin are key to our center operations and programs – from the recent BioBlitz to coordinating volunteers like the Master Gardeners to directing our summer camp, for instance – but none of this would be possible if we didn't have volunteer involvement to stretch our always-limited resources. Volunteers give their time and talent to further Audubon's mission and are priceless. We hope you know how much we all appreciate you!



*Karyn Stockdale and David Griffin, Birdathon Leader and Mesilla Vally Audubon Society Chapter President, at Percha Dam State Park, an Important Bird Area (IBA) for Birdathon 2012*

Additionally, we bring in college students and graduates every semester to work with Audubon in environmental education and I'm excited to announce two current interns under our **Wings Internship Program: Jennifer Black and Aaron Rogers**. Both qualified teachers and avid outdoors people, these interns are seeking skills and experience with Audubon in outdoor environmental education.

With a B.S. in Marine Biology and a M.A. in Teaching in Secondary Science, Jennifer Black comes to Audubon with an impressive resume including work experience as a fisheries field biologist and teacher. Recently, as a teacher at Santa Fe's Capital High School in AP Biology, Environmental Science, and Medical Science, Jennifer won the City of Santa Fe "Sustainable Schools Award" for her leadership in creating and implementing a school-wide recycling program.

Native Coloradan Aaron Rogers graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a B.A. in History and an emphasis in Secondary Education. An experienced classroom teacher and tutor in social studies, Aaron also volunteers as a head coach for youth baseball teams.

Please join me in welcoming these exceptional interns working with us at the Randall Davey Audubon Center this summer!

Here's to even more time outside -

Karyn Stockdale  
Vice President and Executive Director

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## VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU!

Our Audubon Center couldn't function without the help of volunteers! Volunteers run our nature store, greet our visitors, assist our educators, lead our bird walks, maintain our gardens and trails, are docents in the historical Randall Davey House - and that's just to name a few. Please help us! Contact Carl Beal at [cbeal@audubon.org](mailto:cbeal@audubon.org) to find out how you can get involved and connect with your community.

# CINCO DE MAYO BIRDATHONS

Birdathon results are in! Our state team, suitably named "The Swainson's Are Back," recorded 121 different bird species in a 24 hour period around southern New Mexico! Our dedicated team found a wonderful number of raptors, including many Swainson's Hawks in every area we went, a Zone-tailed Hawk soaring, a Common Black-Hawk just 20 feet above us at, and more.



*Peregrine Falcon*

After a moonlit walk on Friday night to hear the call of an Elf Owl, we met on Saturday morning (Cinco de Mayo!) to find birds in and around Las Cruces, including the Black-crowned Night Herons hidden in a neighborhood rookery, and the desert birds in the "Audubon" neighborhood such as Harris's Hawk, Crissal Thrasher, Gambel's Quail, Brewer's Sparrow, and Cactus Wren.

Our route then followed the Rio Grande north where, at Percha Dam State Park, one of the Southwestern New Mexico Birding Trail Hot Spots, we found many warblers including Orange-crowned, Lucy's, and Virginia's Warblers, two Green Herons, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Vermillion Flycatcher.

One of our team's highlights was the sight of two Peregrine Falcons soaring together in the canyon just above the town of Hill-sboro. What a sight!!

We also explored Caballo and Elephant Butte Reservoirs and an area near Kingston in the Black Range. All in all, we visited four Audubon New Mexico Important Bird Areas (IBAs) and proposed IBAs (Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, Leasburg Dam State Park, Percha Dam State Park, and Caballo Lake) – we're just trying to "keep an eye" on our IBAs! State team members were led by David Griffin, and included Mary Pat Day, Christopher Rustay, Peter Vennema, Greg Parkhurst, Beth Bardwell, and Karyn Stockdale.

Our local team, affectionately named "Team Pipit," persevered and recorded 94 different bird species in the same 24 hour period! Our dedicated team worked really hard to get all of those birds - braving hot sun, wind, and long hours because the birds were few and far between.

We started Friday night with a trip up to Hyde Park and the Ski Area, where we scored our tar-



*Steve Thompson, Rocky Tucker, and Suzanne Fahey, finishing the day at the Randall Davey Audubon Center IBA.*

get bird - a Pygmy Owl! We also found a few other species, including the only warbler of the hunt. We had some great talent with us, and managed to identify ducks and shore birds on the OTHER side of the lakes (at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge and Storrie Lake), and some of the highlights included finding several Curve-billed Curlews with the scope. We also saw Western Grebes, a Prairie Falcon, and a lot of other great birds that are listed on the enclosed list.

We ended the day back at the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary and the Nature Conservancy property, but there were very few birds. Our hopes of breaking last year's record were dashed, but we did REALLY well with our 94 species! Local team members included Suzanne Fahey, Stacey Fradkin, Rocky Tucker, Steve Thompson, and Maryam Miller.

Thanks to your support, we surpassed our fundraising goal! We were hoping to raise \$16,000 and, despite our struggle to find birds, we've raised almost \$22,000 and the pledges are still coming in! Our team members were remarkable Birdathon advocates, and Audubon New Mexico & the Randall Davey Audubon Center are financially stronger because of it. And don't forget, it's still not too late to make our Birdathon numbers even better! Contact Maryam Miller at (505) 983-4609 ext. 24 and donate to Birdathon today!



*This Ash-throated Flycatcher, seen in the bosque of the Galisteo River, had gathered a bit of manure to line its nest in a cavity of a cottonwood tree. Spotted by volunteer Team BLB and photo by Evalyn Bemis.*

## CREATE YOUR LEGACY WITH AUDUBON NEW MEXICO

In order to ensure the long-term success of Audubon program New Mexico, and to enhance planned giving opportunities, **the Board of Directors has established the Audubon New Mexico Endowment Fund.**

All bequests to Audubon New Mexico will go into this Endowment Fund unless you, the donors, put language into your wills restricting your bequests to specific programs (i.e. for education, bird conservation, or the Rio Grande, for instance). All gifts and bequests are tax deductible.

Contact Karyn Stockdale, Executive Director, if you are interested in learning more at (505) 983-4609 ext. 32.

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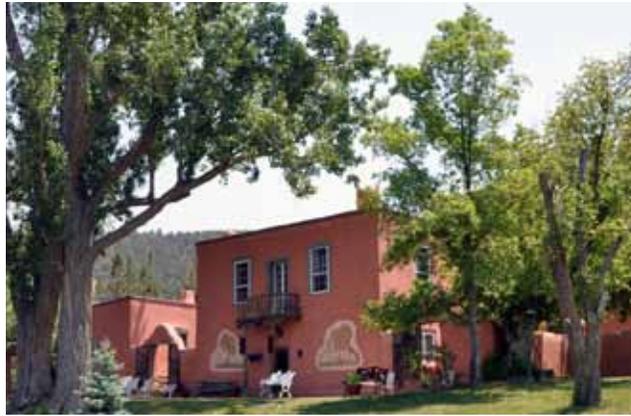
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# AUDUBON CENTER'S NAMESAKE: A SANTA FE LEGACY

By Maryam Miller

Visitors coming to the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary follow Upper Canyon Road until it dead-ends into the center's parking lot. Here, they discover the treasure that was gifted to the National Audubon Society in 1983. A lot of people don't know about the center, even local Santa Feans, but it's a treat for those who do.



Next year, in 2013, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of receiving what is now the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary, made up of 135 acres in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The property (gifted by the Randall Davey Committee to the National Audubon Society – and now operated by Audubon New Mexico) is enjoyed by thousands.

Davey's home and studio appear frozen in time, as everything is virtually as the artist left them almost 50 years ago. His home, studio, artwork, and land - and the stories he left behind - make for a true Santa Fe legacy, and one that Audubon is proud to conserve.



Audubon strives to be good stewards of the property, in maintaining both the historic properties and the surrounding lands. We'd also like to further improve visitor experience and we plan to link the historic portion to the terraced gardens and trail system, as well as establish more areas for children to explore and discover.

Randall Davey was among the first generation of artists relocating to Santa Fe in the beginning of the 20th century. He studied in New York with Robert Henri, at his new independent school, and became fast friends with contemporary artist John Sloan. And though he could have established himself as a well-known artist in New York, Davey chose to live at the end of a dirt road on the outskirts of Santa Fe, raising chickens and riding horses. Often called a "bon vivant," Davey was known not only for his lavish parties and whimsical spirit, but also for his love of the land that enchanted him to stay here for the remainder of his life.



We have teamed with Sites Southwest, a design firm based in Albuquerque, to develop a master plan for the redesign and development of the area past the historic Davey house. Please join us for a public meeting on August 14th to comment on the draft plans, design details, and learn how you can get involved. Audubon New Mexico is privileged to be entrusted with this property, and we'd like to leave our own legacy that celebrates not only Randall Davey's home, studio, and life work, but also the land that is so vital to this sanctuary.

*As a nonprofit, some of Audubon's revenue comes from renting the property for events, and most locals have attended at least one wedding on the lawn, in front of the Davey house.*

*Looking ahead, Audubon New Mexico would like to build a new pavillion, which will enable us to host more events, weddings, and continue the "bon vivant" parties that made Davey legendary!*

Davey's house was originally built in 1847 as a water-driven sawmill by the U.S. Army to provide lumber for the construction of Fort Marcy near downtown Santa Fe. After changing ownership several times, the property was ultimately purchased in 1920 by Davey, who fell in love with the landscapes and enchanting light of our "City Different." Having studied architecture for a brief stint at Cornell University, Davey took it upon himself to renovate the house, leaving an indelible signature on this snapshot of history. Stepping in to the house or studio, one is transported back in time and can get a glimpse of what life was like in Davey's era. Listed in national and state registers of historic and cultural buildings, the Davey house is a museum that still contains antique furnishings and many of Davey's original works of art.



# SANTA FE RIVER RESTORED TO HISTORIC CHANNEL

By Bob Findling, Director of Land Protection and Stewardship for The Nature Conservancy, a partner of Audubon

The Santa Fe River is “flowing” once again past the Randall Davey Audubon Center, thanks to several organizations who wanted to see the river returned to its original bed.

In 1881, the Stone Dam below the Audubon Center on The Nature Conservancy’s Santa Fe Canyon Preserve was constructed to provide the city’s first storage reservoir for drinking water. (Among those who helped build the dam were many of the same eastern European immigrant stone masons who built the St. Francis Cathedral downtown!) By 1894, Two-Mile Dam was constructed just downstream and impounded water as far upstream as the Stone Dam, becoming the city’s primary water supply reservoir.

In 1904, flooding washed soil from the watershed slopes into the reservoir behind Stone Dam, burying the Santa Fe River channel. To avert future disasters like this, large pipes were installed to carry drinking water safely out of the canyon and a deep ditch was dug to steer high river flows along the south side of the valley, past the

Stone Dam and safely around Two Mile Reservoir. For more than a century, the Santa Fe River was without its historic channel from where the Santa Fe Canyon enters the city limits to Two Mile Reservoir, and plants and animals of the native streamside ecosystem suffered accordingly.



Neil Williams of Watershed West was the project engineer and lead designer for the restoration project. Here, Neil is making a stream discharge measurement to determine how much our river is flowing!

Two-Mile Reservoir was decommissioned in 1994 in favor of expanded storage in McClure and Nichols Reservoirs farther upstream in the Santa Fe River Watershed, but the river remained trapped in the pipes. In 2012, The Nature Conservancy partnered with the Santa Fe Watershed Association, the Canyon Neighborhood Association and the New Mexico Environment Department and restored the channel to its historic alignment.

Water now flows in the river, not the sterile bypass channel, when sufficient runoff occurs or when environmental water releases are made by the city. These flows are essential to the health of the bosque that now occupies the former Two-Mile Reservoir, which is now home to wetlands, ponds and abundant wildlife, including a colony of beaver, and a public walking trail.



## Come Celebrate New Mexico’s Centennial & the 75th Anniversary of Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge!

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge of Roswell, NM, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year at their annual Dragonfly Festival scheduled for September 7-9, 2012.

Our kick-off event scheduled for Friday, September 7 will feature a banquet style fundraiser dinner followed by a guest speaker, Dr. Brady Barr, National Geographic reptile expert, at the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell campus located at 52 University Blvd., Roswell, NM 88202. Ticket prices for the Friday night event are \$18 per person, which includes the dinner and presentation. Dinner will begin at



5:00 p.m. in the Campus Union Building on the ENMU-Roswell campus with the presentation to follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Reservations for the banquet will be accepted through August 31. The Dragonfly Festival will continue with a schedule of family events on Saturday and Sunday at the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge located at 4200 E. Pine Lodge Road Roswell, NM 88201. The feature family events will include a treasure hunt, a variety of nature theme tours, wildlife arts and crafts, bird watching, wildlife exhibit tents and many more fun activities. Dragonfly, Refuge, and Wildlife tour reservations will begin on August 1st.



For more information on the Dragonfly Festival, tour and banquet reservations, email [bitterlakesrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:bitterlakesrefuge@gmail.com) or call Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge at (575) 625-4011.

For general information regarding Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, please visit [www.friendsofbitterlake.com](http://www.friendsofbitterlake.com).

**We hope to see you at the Dragonfly Festival, September 7-9, 2012!**





*Karen Wetherill explained the different species of native bees.*

student Karen Wetherill on-hand Saturday to share her expertise on native bees. We all know about honeybees, but they are a Eurasian species imported to North America for agricultural purposes. New Mexico has more than 1,000 native bee species, too. Though they do not have hives or produce honey, native bees are prolific pollinators and vital links in our ecosystems. Karen found 17 different species of bees and delighted walkers with her knowledge and net-swinging feats.

**Butterflies:** The working butterfly list for the Center is approaching 60 species, about half the total for Santa Fe County and 20% of the state list. Among the 22 species observed during the Blitz, the Silver-spotted Skipper was added to the list for the Center.

**Insects, Spiders & Moths:** Professional entomologist and educator Linda Wiener spent the weekend tracking down insects and spiders every way she knew how, including using a UV light to illuminate a white bed sheet Saturday night! It will take time to identify what she found, but she already knows she has at least 46 different critters. Among the tally were some excellent moths, like the ubiquitous White-lined Sphinx and several geometrids and noctuids. The biggest surprise for entomologists came when Linda found a female Black Witch moth resting on one of the gates near the Davey house. This species is the largest moth in North America!



*Ten-lined June Beetle*

**Astronomy:** While astronomy is technically not part of the BioBlitz, we want to thank John Remaly and all of his Star Party guests for a lively Friday night program that kicked off the Star Party season while anchoring our BioBlitz weekend. Cool night sky objects we tallied included the Moon, which was big and bright; Saturn, whose rings and titanic moon were a big hit; Mars, the glowing red disk; the Hercules globular cluster; and M82, a far-away spiral galaxy.

**Audubon New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy would like to thank our volunteer experts, “ologists” and presenters for their generous efforts. We also thank Audubon members and the rest of you who took time to explore biodiversity in your own backyard!**



# RANDALL DAVEY Audubon CENTER & SANCTUARY

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

*Randall Davey House Tours:* Tours of the historic home and studio of Santa Fe artist Randall Davey are held every Friday at 2pm. Call ahead to reserve your tickets today!

*Bird Walks:* Join us every Saturday morning at 8:00am for a hike with expert birders.

*\*\*\* We are happy to arrange for special house tours and bird walks by appointment - please notify us at least a week in advance.*

*The Nature Store & Visitor Center:* open from 10am - 4pm every day.

*Explore our trails every day from 8am until 5pm.*

## SUMMER BUTTERFLY CLASSES

Steve Cary, Audubon's Community Naturalist and New Mexico's unofficial "Butterfly Guy," is offering outdoor butterfly classes at the Randall Davey Audubon Center this summer! Mark your calendars for June 25, July 23 and August 27, from 10 am to noon.



Steve will take students on easy to moderate walks through different habitat areas to observe butterflies in nature. The learning emphasis will be on identification, ecology, behavior, pollination, and life history. To obtain maximum benefit, close-focus binoculars are recommended. These classes are recommended for adults and for supervised children age 8 and above.



Did you know that IBA also stands for Important **Butterfly** Area? Last year Steve recorded more than 50 different species of butterflies at and around the Center over the course of the year, including this beautiful Juniper Hairstreak (Steve's favorite)! Special habitat areas for butterflies include Bear Canyon, the Santa Fe River riparian area, and the wonderful gardens around the Davey house.

Visitors to the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary positively comment and inquire about our gorgeous gardens, especially when summer's hummingbirds are buzzing about! Like many of the responsibilities and activities at the Audubon Center, Audubon relies on volunteers to operate this public nature center (including guiding bird walks and historic tours, greeting visitors and running the nature store, etc).

**A very special thank you goes to the volunteer Santa Fe Master Gardeners who generously contribute to the gardens and beauty at the Audubon Center!**



of native plants when they planted native perennials and shrubs to restore the damaged garden areas, increasing their knowledge of native plants and providing more experience to drip irrigation system installation.

## **BIRDS, BEES AND FLOWERS! MASTER GARDENERS AND THEIR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**

*By Joy Mandelbaum, Santa Fe Master Gardener*

The Santa Fe Master Gardener Association “adopted” the Randall Davey Audubon Center as a public demonstration garden and volunteers have been utilizing the Audubon Center as their “outdoor classroom” since 2003. This mutually beneficial partnership has resulted in a lush garden to benefit wildlife at the Audubon Center, attracting artists and photographers as well as birders.



To reinforce what they have learned in the classroom, Master Gardeners develop skills in plant selection, planting techniques, propagation, and drip system installation and volunteer their time, experience, and knowledge in a variety of educational programs, like the project at the Randall Davey Audubon Center. Special teaching sessions on topics such as pruning contribute to the Continuing Education hours required for Master Gardener certification. Talking with Audubon's Summer Camp students during their summer visits to the garden contribute to the required Public Contact hours.

Over 60 devoted volunteer Master Gardeners worked at the Audubon Center last year, logging over 300 volunteer hours, organized by the passionate gardeners and Co-Project Leaders Joy Mandelbaum and Anne Farber.

This past winter's work to address water drainage issues at the Audubon Center provided a new learning experience and challenge for the Master Gardeners. After the paths and flower beds were restored, the Master Gardeners increased their knowledge

The Santa Fe Master Gardener Association, which began in 1998, operates under the auspices of New Mexico State University (NMSU) Cooperative Extension Service, and is an educational association that assists the County Extension Agent in providing the general public reliable, current, research-based gardening information. A Master Gardener is trained in basic horticulture by NMSU, and in return shares that knowledge with others in the community. To prepare for service, volunteers take a 16-week course, beginning in February and ending in May. If you'd like more information, or wish to add your name for 2013 classes, please call the County Extension office at 505-471-4711, or check out [www.sfmga.org](http://www.sfmga.org).

### **ASK A MASTER GARDENER!**

Fridays 10 am – noon, usually April through September  
at the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary  
Stop by and ask trained gardeners about  
gardening in Santa Fe!





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**Audubon** NEW MEXICO PRESENTS

*Southwest*  
**Women in Conservation**  
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**Honoring Rachel Carson** This year marks the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, which awakened Americans to dangerous pesticide use and galvanized an environmental movement that helped to stop the poisoning of our air, land, and water.

**Speakers** (followed by a gourmet lunch):

**Elizabeth Grossman** is an "eloquent scientific muckraker, outing the truth about commonly used hazardous chemicals that are leaching out of everything from plastic bottles to children's toys and infiltrating the biosphere and our bodies to deleterious effect."

**Nadine Padilla** "The devastating legacy (of leaving hundreds of abandoned mines and radioactive waste after companies left town and refused to clean their mess) continues to haunt our communities, resulting in sky-high rates of various cancers, kidney disease, autoimmune disease, birth defects, and miscarriages."

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