ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on May 16, many birdhouses donated by Tractor Supply were given away, and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to Ray Kelso and Diane Foucher, and to BJ Holden for a rousing and entertaining program!

And our election resulted in a new group of officers, reflected in the Board Directory below.

BIRDATHON

The annual Kerncrest Audubon Bird-A-Thon was held on May 3rd and 4th as planned. My apologies for publishing the results so late! At the end of the event, the coordinator, Lee Sutton, handed me the checklist that recorded all the sightings, and I promptly lost it. It turned up under some other papers on a clipboard just a couple of days ago, so I am finally getting this Chat out.

The list is on a following page.

Many thanks to all who donated! It was a big success, in spite of the fact we saw only 88 species instead of our usual 100 or so.

By the way, we blamed/credited the low number of species to the fact there had been NO WIND for a couple of days, and thought the usual migrants were way high in the air, happily migrating north. Also, there were a huge number of wildflowers and insects out on the desert to feed on, so no need to come through town. All good for the birds, if not for our sightings.

Donations are still being accepted, of course. If you pledged by species and would like your donation picked up by a board member, please call any board member.
Valley Sightings from May 1 through June 18, 2019.

**Ash-throated Flycatchers** were spotted in Sand Canyon by Rose Whipple (5/4/19) and at Cerro Coso College by Michael Mosher, Robert Frescura, Bob Barnes, Twelve **Black-chinned Sparrows** in Short Canyon by Bob and Susan Steele (5/7/19). **Black-headed Grosbeak** in Inyokern by Susan and Bob Steele and Bob Barnes (5/10/19) and in Short canyon by the Steeles. The China Lake Ponds had a **Blue-winged Teal** by Susan Steele (5/10/9). Rose Whipple and Bob Barnes spotted **Burrowing Owl** at the Desert Memorial Park and Ridgecrest Watchable Wildlife area (5/3 and 5/4/19). A **California Thrasher** in northwest Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (5/7/19). **Canada Goose** in northwest Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (5/7 and 5/13/19). **Cassin’s Vireo** northwest Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (5/2 and 5/10/19). **Common Yellow-throat** at the China Lake Ponds by Bob Barnes (5/4/19). A **Dusky Flycatcher** in Inyokern by Susan Steele (5/20/19). **Green-tailed Towhee** in Short Canyon by Susan and Bob Steele (5/7/19). **Hairy Woodpecker** at the College by Bob Barnes (5/11/19). A **Hammond’s Flycatcher** in Inyokern by Susan Steele (5/20/19). **Lazuli Bunting** in Inyokern (Susan Steele on 5/2/19) in northwest Ridgecrest (Bob Barnes 5/4/19). Two **Le Conte’s Thrasher** in Indian Wells Canyon (Rose Whipple, two, on 5/19 - five by Susan Steele on 6/16/19), and in Short Canyon (Susan and Bob Steele on 5/7/19). Five **Lesser Night Hawk** at Desert Memorial Park by Rose Whipple (5/3/19) and one in northwest Ridgecrest by Bob Barnes (5/18/19). Numerous people reported up to **5 Long-eared Owl** at the Desert Memorial Park from 5/4/19 through 5/24/19. **Olive-sided Flycatcher** in Inyokern (Susan Steele on 5/10/19 and Bob Barnes 5/2/19). **Sora** at China Lake Ponds by Bob Barnes on 5/4/19. A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** by Bob Barnes in North Ridgecrest on 6/8/19) A **Willow Flycatcher** at the Watchable Wildlife Area on 5/23/19 by Susan Steele. Twenty **Wilson’s Warblers** in Indian Wells Canyon (Rose Whipple on 5/1/19). **Yellow Warbler** in Inyokern, two by Susan Steele (5/9/19 and 6/1/19) and one by Bob Barnes on 5/17/19.

This likely wraps up the 2019 Spring migration. In August, there will be another issue of The Chat, and early Fall migrants will begin to show up.

Keep cool, everyone!
Canada Goose  
Gadwall  
Mallard  
Cinnamon Teal  
Blue-winged Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Redhead  
Ruddy Duck  
Mountain Quail  
California Quail  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Eared Grebe  
Western Grebe  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret  
Green Heron  
White-faced Ibis  
Turkey Vulture  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Prairie Falcon  
American Coot  
Killdeer  
Black-necked Stilt  
American Avocet  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Wilson’s Snipe  
California Gull  
Rock Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove  
White-winged Dove  
Mourning Dove  
Barn Owl  
Burrowing Owl  
Long-eared Owl  
Lesser Nighthawk  
Black-chinned Hummingbird  
Anna's Hummingbird  
Costa's Hummingbird  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
Western Wood Pewee  
Black Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Western Kingbird  
Steller's Jay  
Loggerhead Shrike  
Cassin's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Common Raven  
Verdin  
Bewick's Wren  
House Wren  
Cactus Wren  
Northern Mockingbird  
Le Conte's Thrasher  
European Starling  
Phainopepla  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
California Towhee  
Black-throated Sparrow  
Bell's (formerly Sage) Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Lazuli Bunting  
Western Tanager  
Black-headed Grosbeak  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Hooded Oriole  
House Finch  
Lesser Goldfinch  
Lawrence's Goldfinch  
House Sparrow

Total 88