

Mount Diablo Audubon Society

2001 Annual Report Highlights

For the 12 month period ending on June 30, 2001

Hands On Conservation

MDAS, East Bay Regional Park District and Mountain View Sanitary District cooperate in projects pertaining to McNabney Marsh (formerly Shell Marsh). MDAS removed “clinker tiles” from marsh uplands. EBRPD has begun work on the staging area for marsh access.

Education

- Ninety-two classrooms received Audubon Adventures educational materials to support science education.
- Thirty-nine classrooms benefited from a grant earned by Native Bird Connections, funding materials and a classroom presentation of live birds

Events

- Public information booths at Pacific Flyway, Dow Wetlands Festivals and International Migratory Bird Day
- City of Pittsburg family bird walks with Audubon
- Audubon Habitat program with Monrovia Seed Company
- Train habitat stewards with the National Wildlife Federation.

Meetings

DATE	BIRDING INFORMATION	MAIN PROGRAM	# ATTENDEES
9-00	Muir Heritage Land Trust Tina Batt, Executive Director	Alaskan Adventure Gloria Cannon and Joel Summerhill	61
10-00	Audubon Adventures Cecil Williams-	California Condor Restoration Holly Barnes	73
11-00	Bay Nature, a new publication David Loeb	Beauty of Contra Costa County Stephen Joseph	75
12-00	San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary Steve Cochran	Birds of Japan Mike Danzebaker	58
1-01	Christmas Bird Count Results Jimm Edgar and Maury Stern	Pelagic Birds of California Jim Lomax	98
2-01	Bird Songs on Recorder Dennis Galloway	Dragonflies of California Kathy Biggs	66
3-01	Bird Song Recognition Denise Wight	Bugs and Birds Alan Kaplan-EBRPD Naturalist	57
4-01	Feathers and Raptors Diana Granados	Wildflowers of the Gold Country Toni Fauver	60
5-01	Bird Migration and IMBD Jimm Edgar	California Butterflies Steve Cochran	54
6-01	Annual Potluck Dinner. Members bring up to 10 slides to share with the group.		75

Publication

The Quail informs 1600 members or subscribers about chapter events and fosters discussion about conservation and education issues ten times each year.

Beginning Birder Field Trips

These MDAS walks offered through Wild Birds Unlimited and led by Charles Groff, introduced 103 people, many of whom had never been on a bird walk, to the beauty and joys of birding.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i># PARTICIPANTS</i>
9/00	Brionnes Park	15
10/00	Hawk Hill Marin Headlands	15
11/00	Iron Horse trail	12
1/01	Grizzly Island	20
2/01	Arrowhead Marsh	18
3/01	Los Vaqueros Reservoir	10
4/01	Hidden Lakes	11
5/01	Mitchell Canyon	20
6/01	Pine Canyon	12

Christmas Bird Count

MDAS sponsored our traditional central county count and a new count in East County. One hundred twenty volunteers were involved in the counts.

California Bluebird Recovery Project

The goal is statewide attention on bluebirds and other cavity nesters suffering from loss of habitat. Mt. Diablo Audubon Society serves as CBRP's treasurer.

Contra Costa County Breeding Bird Atlas

This spring, under the direction of Steve Glover, we began the fourth season of fieldwork for the Contra Costa County Breeding Bird Atlas, a five-year project to map the breeding range of each species of bird that nests in the county. Based on the participation of over 60 atlasers, and Contra Costa being one of the smaller counties, we expect this to be one of the most thoroughly atlased counties ever! Over the winter we will begin our species accounts write ups, aiming towards atlas publication as soon after completion of the fieldwork as possible. Our goal is to publish within one year

2001 CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenses:

Current year expenses (2001) were \$1,340 lower than last year (2000)

Revenues:

The net revenue for 2001 was \$9,358 higher than 2000. NAS Dues Share was less for 2001 than 2000 by about \$600 and will be approximately \$2,000 less for the coming year. Net 2001 revenues were \$8,018 higher than 2000. Our annual appeal raised \$8,565. Without this, revenues would have been \$547 less than 2000. Memorial gifts were also up in 2001.

NAS 2001 Chapter Financial Report

07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001

Revenues

NAS Chapter Dues Share	\$8,535.53	
Grants/Contributions	\$4,936.58	
Educational Events	\$515.00	
Fundraising Events	\$8,287.37	
Interest on Investments	\$2,014.48	
Sales	\$4,121.14	
Other (Newsletter)	\$596.00	
		\$29,006.10

Expenditures

Administration	\$1,807.30	
Newsletter/Postage	\$11,282.43	
Education Programs	\$1,367.71	
Grants Contributions	\$1,995.83	\$16,453.27

Net Income **\$12,552.83**

Beginning Balance	\$47,283.00
Ending Balance	\$59,836.00

Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$24,816.00	
Investments	\$35,020.00	
		\$59,836.00

Liabilities

Funds Reserved (CBRP)	\$7,268.00	
Unreserved	\$52,568.00	
		\$59,836.00

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