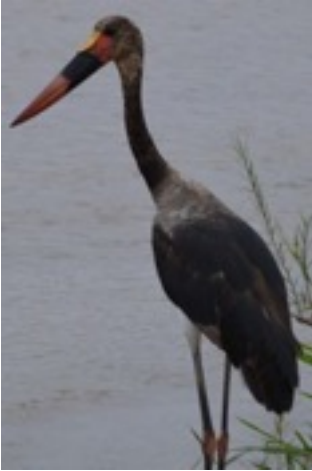


Thursday, June 2, 2016: Birds and Rhino Poaching - Jill Hedgecock

Birding Information: No birding information. Annual potluck meeting.

Main program: Birds and Rhino Poaching - Jill Hedgecock

Main Program: Jill Hedgecock will share some of the best bird and animal sightings from her trip to South Africa and Botswana last October. South Africa and Botswana are home to 829 and 550 bird species, respectively.



As amazing as Africa's living zoo is, there is also a dark side to this country. Last year, a new record was set for largest number of rhinos poached. This travesty is being fueled by demand for the keratinous material in the horn in the Asian market, based on the misguided belief that the horn has curative powers for everything from hangovers to impotency to cancer. Jill will present the myriad of solutions that are being considered to address the problem. If the current rate of poaching is not curtailed, wild rhinos could become extinct within the next few decades.

Jill Hedgecock has long-standing roots with the Mount Diablo Audubon Society, serving as the International Conservation Coordinator back in the early 1990s and a long-term leader of the Black Diamond Mine Christmas Count circle. She has a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco.

More detailed information about the June program is available in our June 2016 Quail newsletter. (Photo Credits: Jill Hedgecock)