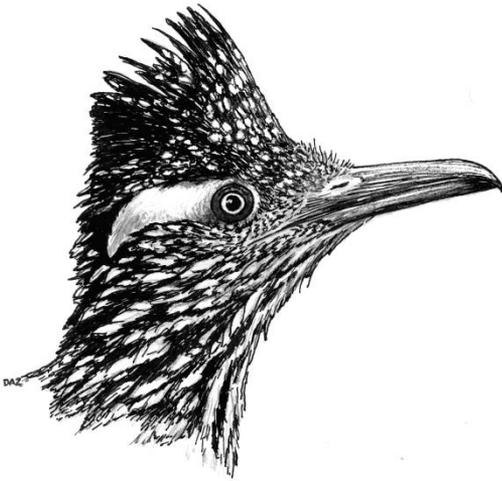


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## **LETTER FROM THE NMOS PRESIDENT**

Greetings to all NMOS members!

Periodically we send out reminders and news to our members via email. We never share your email with anyone, and we try to keep the number of emails to a minimum.

I hope that you are all aware of the NMOS website and visit it on occasion ([www.nmbirds.org](http://www.nmbirds.org)). Nancy Hetrick, our webmaster, has done a great job of keeping it updated. The website had a bit of a setback not too long ago – someone hacked into the site and deleted most of the content. No personal information was compromised and Nancy has worked diligently to repost the content. Speaking of the website, we are in the midst of a redesign and update. Please feel free to send suggestions or ideas to me and I will share with the sub-team updating the site. We are also adding the ability to pay your dues via PayPal. Stay tuned!

Speaking of dues, it is that time of year and you'll see more on that in the next Bulletin. You are all important parts of the network that serves to promote understanding and interest in the bird life of New Mexico. Whether you are someone who has previously shared and contributed to our state's collective understanding of the distribution and status of birds in the New Mexico, or if you are an active follower of this information for conservation or other purposes, you can be a vital contributor to this network. Please renew your membership and continue the commitment.

In this day of social media, NMOS now has a Facebook page, thanks to Matt Baumann. The NM Rare Bird Alerts are posted there as well as on the website. Please visit the page, and give it a LIKE!

Mark your calendars - We will hold the 55th Annual Meeting on April 22, 2017, at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. This meeting will feature a general science session, an evening banquet and keynote speaker, and a Sunday field trip to either Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge or Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge (a recent addition to the Refuge System). We will also have a short birding trip on Saturday morning just prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. Registration information will be available soon on the website.

New Mexico continues to be among the most exciting places in the U.S. to see and study birds, as we have a wide variety of habitats and are nicely situated at the crossroads for species from east and west, and north and south. The New Mexico list of verified species now stands at 544, ranking us fourth among the states and provinces north of Mexico; the current list is available on the NMOS webpage ([www.nmbirds.org](http://www.nmbirds.org)). Also, as many of you know, there have been numerous recent changes in the taxonomy and classification of birds, including major realignments of the higher orders and families as well as changes down to the generic and specific levels, including revised scientific names and sequences. These revisions are all incorporated in the current state list available on our website.

As always, we encourage you to contribute to the NMOS publications through submission of manuscripts to our Bulletin editor Erin Greenlee, and sightings

information for the Field Notes to editor Sandy Williams. Submission information can be found on our website.

Thank you all and I hope the holiday season is joyful and peaceful. We look forward to seeing you at the NMOS Annual Meeting!

Kathy Granillo  
NMOS President

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**NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
22 APRIL 2017**

The New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) will hold its 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Saturday, 22 April 2017, at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. This meeting will include an NMOS business meeting, an NMOS general science session, and an evening banquet and keynote speaker.

As usual, NMOS will be offering an organized, guided field trip (no charge) on Sunday morning following the annual meeting. Information about the field trip will be announced at a later date.

More information regarding the annual meeting will be published in the next issue of the NMOS Bulletin and will be available on the website soon.

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**NMOS 55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
NMOS GENERAL SCIENCE SESSION**

Oral presentations for the NMOS General Science Session will be allotted 15 minutes, with an additional five-minute period for questions. Papers may range from technical reports of original research to more general presentations addressing science-related questions. Poster presentations are also encouraged; size should be no larger than 36" H X 48" W.

Please submit abstracts for the General Science Session containing the following:

- TITLE (in all capital letters) of no more than 20 words
- Names and addresses of author(s) in the following form:

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- Body of abstract as one single-spaced paragraph, not to exceed 250 words.
- Include E-mail address and/or phone number of presenting author.

Please email your abstract, including the entire abstract in the body of the email, **NOT** as an attachment. This will prevent any problems with incompatible word processing formats. The deadline for the submission of abstracts will be 15 March 2017. Please email your abstract to Martha Desmond at [mdesmond@nmsu.edu](mailto:mdesmond@nmsu.edu) AND Kathy Granillo at [kathy\\_granillo@fws.gov](mailto:kathy_granillo@fws.gov).

All abstract submissions will be acknowledged within a week of receipt. If no acknowledgement is received, it is the submitter's responsibility to follow up with the Session Chair to ensure consideration. The abstracts for the NMOS General Science Session will be distributed at the meeting and will be published in the ***NMOS Bulletin***.

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## NMOS RESEARCH GRANTS

NMOS offers two research grants each year to help support research on New Mexico birds. The **Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant** for \$1000 is presented in memory of Ryan Beaulieu. Following the wishes of Ryan's family, this grant will support research projects that do not involve the collection of birds. For more information about Ryan Beaulieu and his bird research interests, see the *Audubon* magazine article, *Band of Brothers* about Ryan and his friends Raymond VanBuskirk and Michael Hilchey and their Rosy-Finch project. The **NMOS Research Grant** is also available for \$1000.

The criteria for both grants are:

- The grant money must be spent while conducting research on birds in New Mexico;
- The recipient must either present a paper based on the research at an annual NMOS Meeting or submit an article based on the research to the NMOS Bulletin; and
- Preference will be given to student applicants.

A short research proposal (2 pages maximum) must be submitted describing the nature of the project and how the allocated funds are to be spent (e.g., on gas, tape recording, specific equipment, etc.). Each proposal should state clearly whether the project does or does not involve collection of birds. Each proposal should include two letters of reference, one of which should be from a graduate advisor if the applicant is a graduate student. References should comment on the applicant's commitment to New Mexico ornithology and ability to design and carry out creative, independent research. All proposals will be evaluated together and up to two proposals will be awarded grants. The Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant will fund a project that does not involve the collection of birds; the NMOS research grant is open to all projects that meet the criteria above.

Please submit your electronic proposal with "NMOS Grant" in the subject line to: Matt Baumann [mb687@yahoo.com](mailto:mb687@yahoo.com).

**The deadline for 2017 Research Grant proposals is 1 March 2017.** All applications will be acknowledged within a week of proposal receipt. If no acknowledgement is received, it is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with their submission to ensure consideration. Grant awards will be announced at the NMOS Annual Meeting (22 April 2017, Albuquerque).

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Corrie Borgman, Terry Johnson, and Dale Stahlecker.

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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER**

Please take the opportunity now to pay your 2017 NMOS membership dues. To pay for membership, please download the membership form from our website ([www.nmbirds.org](http://www.nmbirds.org)), fill out, and mail to the following address, providing a check made out to "NMOS". Thank you!

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# NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

— *Founded 1962* —

The New Mexico Ornithological Society was organized to gather and disseminate accurate information concerning the bird life of New Mexico; to promote interest in and appreciation of the value of birds, both aesthetic and economic, to further effective conservation of the state's avifauna; to facilitate opportunity for acquaintance and fellowship among those interested in birds and nature; and to issue publications as a means of furthering these ends.

Membership and Subscriptions: Membership in the New Mexico Ornithological Society is open to anyone with an interest in birds. Memberships are for a calendar year and annual dues are payable 1 January. Dues are: Regular Membership \$20; Family \$30; Student \$10; Supporting \$50; Life \$500. Address for the New Mexico Ornithological Society: Post Office Box 3068, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3068.

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NMOS members are encouraged to submit articles and news. Articles received are subject to review and editing. Published articles are noted in major abstracting services. Please submit articles in double-spaced electronic format, such as a Microsoft Word document, by e-mail to the Editor (see inside front cover). Refer to recent issues of the *Bulletin* for examples of style. News items may be submitted to the Editor by way of e-mail.

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