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**NMOS 46th ANNUAL MEETING
&
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH/NMOS
GRAY VIREO SYMPOSIUM**

12 April 2008
Vagabond Inn Executive
(formerly Airport University Inn)
1901 University Blvd. SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The New Mexico Ornithological Society will hold its 46th Annual Meeting on Saturday, 12 April 2008 in Albuquerque. This meeting will include an NMOS business meeting, an NMOS general science session, and a Gray Vireo Symposium jointly sponsored by NMOS and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The NMOS evening banquet will also be held at the Vagabond Inn Executive with the keynote banquet speaker being Dr. J. David Ligon, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, University of New Mexico.

The Call for Papers appears again in this issue of the *NMOS Bulletin* and is also posted on the NMOS website (www.nmbirds.org). Presentations for the Gray Vireo Symposium are primarily by invitation; contact Hira Walker, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, for symposium information (hira.walker@state.nm.us). Registration information can be found in this issue of the *Bulletin* as well as online. Further details on the meeting, such as a draft agenda, will be available on the NMOS website.



**NMOS 46th ANNUAL MEETING
CALL FOR PAPERS – GENERAL SCIENCE SESSION**

The 46th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Ornithological Society will be held on Saturday, 12 April 2008 at the Vagabond Inn Executive in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Oral presentations will be allotted 15 minutes, with an additional five-minute period for questions. Papers may range from technical reports of original research to general observations. Poster presentations are also encouraged. Poster sizes should be no larger than 91 cm H x 122 cm W.

Please submit abstracts containing the following information:

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

Bear, V. L. and C. Finch, Dept. of Ornithology,
University of Central New Mexico, Birdsville, NM 88666

- 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 submit your abstract in the body of an e-mail, not as an attachment. This will prevent any problems with incompatible word processing formats. Abstracts should be e-mailed to the Session Chair, Martha Desmond (Phone: 505-646-1217), at mdesmond@nmsu.edu on or before 12 March 2008.

Abstracts for both the NMOS General Science Session and the Gray Vireo Symposium will be distributed at the meeting and will be published in the *NMOS Bulletin*. In addition, expanded abstracts from invited papers in the Gray Vireo Symposium will be published in a proceeding by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

REGISTRATION FORM

Fees (payable to NMOS) are due by 4 APRIL 2008.

No. of Meeting Registrations @ \$10 _____

No. of Student Meeting Registrations @ \$5 _____

Please indicate your interest in receiving a hard copy of the Gray Vireo Symposium Proceedings (this will be mailed to you, when available, at the address you provide below):

No. of copies of Gray Vireo Symposium Proceedings _____

No. of Reservations for Saturday Banquet Buffet @ \$25 _____

Please select one entrée: Roast round of beef with au jus _____

Baked salmon with herb butter _____

Pasta primavera _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

E-mail _____

Please provide your e-mail address. It will enable us to contact you with last-minute information (e.g., confirmation of registration, emergency meeting cancellation, information about field trips, etc.).

Send payment and Registration Form to:

Roland Shook
3306 Royal Drive
Silver City, NM 88061

POSSIBLE SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS

Kirtland Air Force Base Gray Vireo habitat/management field trip on Sunday morning.

Please contact Hira Walker, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 505-476-8109 or hira.walker@state.nm.us, if you are interested in participating in this field trip. There will be a limit to the number who can participate and, because of security issues at Kirtland Air Force Base, she will need to collect some information about each participant prior to the trip.

Please indicate your interest in the following additional field trip.

No. for field trip to the HawkWatch Sandia Mountains Raptor Migration Project on Sunday morning _____

NMOS RESEARCH GRANTS

The New Mexico Ornithological Society is again pleased to announce the availability of two \$1000 research grants, through the Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant Program, to support research on New Mexico birds.

The criteria for the 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 (two pages maximum) must be submitted describing the nature of the project and how the funds would be spent (e.g., on gas, tape recording, specific equipment, etc.). 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. Research proposals must be received by 12 March 2008. Please submit your electronic proposal, with "NMOS Grant" in the subject line, to:

Dr. Roland Shook
Western New Mexico University
Silver City, NM 88061
shookr@wnmu.edu

All applications will be acknowledged upon 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 on 12 April 2008.

NOMINATIONS FOR NMOS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The NMOS Nominating Committee—Bill Howe, David Mehlman, and Sandy Williams (Chair)—has submitted the following **Slate for Officers and Directors for 2008-2010**, to be voted upon at the 46th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Ornithological Society in Albuquerque, Saturday, 12 April 2008.

For President:	Roland Shook (Silver City)
For Vice-President:	David Krueper (Corrales)
For Secretary:	Nancy Cox (Albuquerque)
For Treasurer:	Jerry Oldenettel (Luis Lopez)

For three Directors (alphabetically):

Director:	Martha Desmond (Las Cruces)
Director:	Chuck Hayes (Rio Rancho)
Director:	Janet Ruth (Corrales)

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MANUSCRIPTS NEEDED FOR *NMOS BULLETIN*

New Mexico Ornithological Society members are encouraged to submit articles of scientific merit concerning the distribution, abundance, status, behavior, and ecology of the avifauna of New Mexico and its contiguous regions. Articles received for consideration in the *NMOS Bulletin* are subject to peer 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.

NMOS FIELD NOTES

NMOS Field Notes is published quarterly, and provides a seasonal overview of the changing patterns of New Mexico's birdlife, including unusual records, breeding and wintering range changes, and changes in seasonal occurrence and migration patterns.

All individuals interested in birds in New Mexico are encouraged to submit their observations to *NMOS Field Notes*. Especially solicited are records of uncommon species, nesting birds, and early, late, or out-of-season/range birds. Records should be submitted in taxonomic order and should include species name, date, exact location, numbers of bird(s), age, sex, and color morph (if applicable), and name and contact information (including e-mail address) of observer(s). Remember, unless field observations are properly documented and submitted for consideration, they have no way of becoming part of the ornithological record. Note that reporting birds to Rare Bird Alerts or listservs does not constitute submission to *NMOS Field Notes*.

Please provide details for unusual records. Details are usually needed for sightings of birds appearing in light-faced type in the *NMOS Field Checklist of New Mexico Birds* (see: www.nmbirds.org/nmcheck.html). Written details and other documentation of very rare species will be circulated to the New Mexico Bird Records Committee for evaluation. Written details may be submitted on a rare bird report form (available from the Editor or electronically from links on this webpage: www.nmbirds.org/nmbrc.html), although any written format is acceptable. If photographs are submitted (electronically or as slides, prints, or video), please include with the photograph the name of the species in question, date the picture was taken, the exact location, and photographer's name.

The four reporting periods correspond to the four seasons of the year, which are:

- Winter (1 December – 28/29 February)
- Spring (1 March – 31 May)
- Summer (1 June – 31 July)
- Autumn (1 August – 30 November)

Please submit reports as soon as possible after the close of a reporting period.

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NEW MEXICO RARE/UNUSUAL BIRD REPORTING

The following is a listing of information requested when reporting observations of rare or unusual birds in New Mexico. This listing is also available as an electronic form that may be used flexibly and need not be used at all (available at: www.nmbirds.org/nmbrc.html). Forms may be printed in black ink or submitted electronically. Attach available drawings, photographs (electronic, or slides, prints, video), copies of field notes, etc.; include all photos of obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: Sartor O. Williams III, New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104; sunbittern@earthlink.net. Thank you.

1. Common or scientific name.
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 ad. males in breeding plumage).
3. Locality (include County and distance from nearest named town).
4. Date(s) when seen.
5. Time(s) of day when seen.

6. Reporting observer (include middle initial, address, and e-mail address).
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light).
10. Optical equipment (type, power, and condition).
11. Distance to bird.
12. Duration of observation.
13. Habitat (general and specific).
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification).
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what “should” have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks).
16. Voice.
17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations).
18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?).
19. Previous experience with this species.
20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc., used in identification a) at time of observation; b) after observation.
21. This description was written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain.
23. Signature of reporter, along with date and time of writing of this account.

It is emphasized that a request for documentation is not an affront, but is an effort to substantiate a record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for all to evaluate.

New Mexico Ornithological Society Financial Statement

as of 31 December, 2007

Balance as of 12/31/06:

Checking Account Balance	15,927.57
Petty Cash	25.71
Undeposited Checks	610.75
Total	\$16,564.03

Net Transactions from 1/1/07 to 12/31/07:

Dues	1,990.00
NM Bird Finding Guide Sales	3,706.00
NM Field Checklist Sales	237.20
Annual meeting	-310.46
Postage and shipping	-810.12
Miscellaneous	83.55
Grants	-2,000.00
UNM Heritage (database)	-2,000.00
SW Natural History Institute	-3,000.00
Printing	-4,164.59
Storage Unit Rent	-900.00
Interest	5.95
Total Transactions	-7,162.47

Total 2007 beginning balance plus transactions	\$9,401.56
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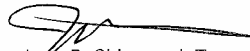
Balance as of 12/31/07:

Checking Account Balance	9,349.27
Petty Cash Balance	32.29
Checks outstanding	0.00
Undeposited Checks	20.00
12/31 balance	\$9,401.56

Petty cash income and disbursements (\$6.58 and \$(0.00)) are included in the income and expense categories above.

Date: 29 January, 2008

Submitted by:



Jerry R. Oldenettel, Treasurer

NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Select membership category:

- | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Regular | \$20 | _____ |
| Family | \$30 | _____ |
| Student | \$10 | _____ |
| Supporting | \$50 | _____ |
| Life | \$500 | _____ |

Please send this form with check to:

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— *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.

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