



The Magpie

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CHAPTER NEWS

Randi Logsdon

The Sacramento-Shasta Chapter met at The Wildlife Society, Western Section meeting in Sacramento this year and welcomed new members as well as new officers and chairs. You will find brief biographies within this newsletter, with email addresses, so you can start to get to know us. We are busy planning a willow flycatcher and great gray owl workshop in June, co-sponsoring a mixer with AEP and PEMA in July and other outreach events, and planning a brown-bag workshop series on different topics of interest. Details will be included in the newsletter and posted on our website.

Don't forget to check our web site to keep up on the latest events with the Chapter:

<http://joomla.wildlife.org/sacramentoshasta/>

Happy Spring!

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President's Message

Laura Patterson

Well, I bet no one saw this coming...I didn't! I'm happy to be the new Chapter President, though. We had an amazing turnout at our Chapter meeting in January with lots of volunteers to help with planning social events and workshops, coordinating memberships and scholarships, publishing the newsletter, and organizing a brown-bag series on topics we hope will be of interest and value to you. In addition, we've got a great Board of mostly returning members with lots of experience, so basically I don't need to do anything! Being President is a piece of cake! This is going to be a really fun year. Read on to find out more about our upcoming socials, workshops, and brown-bag series. I hope to see you there.

Scholarships

Merissa Hanisko

We want to remind everyone that the deadline for our student academic and travel scholarships is June 1, 2009. We have sent our scholarship flyer to twenty-two Universities and Community Colleges in northern California. If you are interested in applying, please visit our web site for more information and the application.

*** AEP & PEMA Mixer***

The Association of Environmental Professionals (known as AEP to acquaintances) will join with the Professionals for Environmental Marketing Association (PEMA) for a mixer on **July 23, 2009**, We will co-sponsor the event.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Leeman

As of March 11, 2009, the Chapter balance was:

ING CD	\$10,039.52
ING Savings	\$ 1,508.95
B of A Checking	\$ 9,251.26
Total	\$20,799.73

Income and expenditures from January 21, 2009 – March 10, 2009 were:

Expenses:	
	\$ 109.81 for Section meeting
	\$ 249.71 for raffle donation
Total	\$ 359.52
Income:	
	\$487.00 membership dues
refund	- \$ 10.00 for membership
	\$ 44.45 banking interest
Total	\$521.65

Western Section Update

Shaun Oldenberger

The Western Section continues to be actively involved in the preparation and planning stages of this year's national meeting in Monterey on September 20-24, 2009. In addition, the Western Section sponsored a Natural Resource Communications workshop that occurred in January in Chico. Additionally, along with the California Central Coast Chapter, the Western Section is co-sponsoring a course on Bat Ecology and Field Techniques at the Chimineas Ranch in San Luis Obispo County from **July 30 – August 2**. This course is still in the preparation stage, but pay attention to updates on the [Western Section website](http://joomla.wildlife.org/Western/index.php) (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/Western/index.php>).

Your Board Members and Committee Chairs

The following Board members and committee chairs ran unopposed and took office in January 2009 at the Members' meeting:

President: Laura Patterson

Laura has a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from UC Davis and an M.S. in Biological Conservation from CSU Sacramento. She's a Staff Environmental Scientist at the California Department of Water Resources in the Environmental Compliance and Evaluation Branch. Sac-shasta@comcast.net

Vice President: Hal Holland

Hal has a B.S. in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution from UC San Diego. He is the Mitigation Bank Coordinator with the national mitigation banking firm, Westervelt Ecological Services (WES). He has experience with habitat mapping, conducting endangered species and general wildlife surveys, and ESA/wetlands permitting throughout California and portions of Nevada and Montana. hholland@westervelt.com

Secretary: Melinda Bradbury

Melinda worked as a biologist for the California Energy Commission. She is now self-employed and has worked with several non-profits in the region. Not only is she a biologist, but also a certified yoga teacher. Melindabradbury@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: Linda Leeman

Linda is a Senior Wildlife Biologist with the environmental consulting firm, EDAW. She specializes in designing and conducting biological analyses, focused wildlife surveys and habitat assessments, wildlife impact analyses, restoration and mitigation planning, and

endangered species permitting.
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Chapter Representative: Shaun Oldenberger

Shaun is a wildlife biologist in the Waterfowl Program with California Department of Fish and Game. He received his B.S. from Iowa State University in Animal Ecology and his M.S. from UC Davis working on breeding mallards in the Central Valley. Soldenburger@dfg.ca.gov

Membership: Canh Nguyen

Canh is an Environmental Scientist in the Resource Assessment Program for the California Department of Fish and Game's North Central Region. He graduated from UC Davis in 2000 with a B.S. in Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology. Cvnguyen@dfg.ca.gov

Newsletter Editor: Randi Logsdon

Randi is a permit and conservation biologist at California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Branch. She has a B.S. in Biology from Humboldt State and a B.A. in Communication Studies from CSU Sacramento. She was a Fulbright scholar in 2006. Rlogsdon@dfg.ca.gov

Scholarship Committee Chair: Merissa Hanisko

Merissa works for North State Resources, Inc. in Mt. Shasta as a field biologist. She graduated from Humboldt State in 2002 with a B.S. in Wildlife Management and a minor in Botany. Hanisko@nsrnet.com

Professional Development: Lucy Triffleman, Nicole Smith, Sandi Jacks

Lucy is a conservation planner with Westervelt Ecological Services in Sacramento. She has a double major in Spanish and Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University. Nicole has a B.S. in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology from UC Davis. She is currently working for MWH as a water resources planner focusing on statewide water supply, flood control, and environmental restoration projects. Sandi has a B.S. from CSU Fresno in Biology and German. She is working (again) with California Department of Fish and Game in their Forest Resources Conservation Program. Sjacks@dfg.ca.gov, Nicole.M.Smith@us.mwhglobal.com, and ltriffleman@westervelt ecologicalservices.com

Davis Student Rep: Chris Mosser

Chris has a B.S. in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology and is an Ecology graduate student at UC Davis. His current research involves population modeling of Central Valley Spring-run Chinook Salmon. He is also the current president of the Davis student chapter of the Wildlife Society. cmosser@ucdavis.edu

Our Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held at the Sacramento Brewing Company, 2713 El Paseo Lane, Sacramento, on **Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 12:30 pm**. Please feel free to attend or let us know if there is a topic you would like us to discuss.

Membership

Canh Nguyen

To help support the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter, become a member! Membership dues will help keep workshops affordable, offer more scholarships, maintain the website, support local events, and offer great social/mixer events. Membership is \$10 and can be accessed through the website below:

http://joomla.wildlife.org/SacramentoShasta/images/pdfs/chaptersignup_formfillable.doc.

UC Davis Student Membership

Chris Mosser

During the Spring quarter, the Davis student chapter of the Wildlife Society has a few activities planned. We have some speakers scheduled to lecture, as well as a couple of field trips. These include a trip to Bodega Bay for some tide pooling and birding, and also a joint biodiversity-based hike to Stebbins Cold Canyon with the UC Davis Botany club. Another big activity happening this next quarter is a Picnic Day exhibit on **April 18**, collaboratively sponsored by the Davis student chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Sacramento-Davis student subunit of the American Fisheries Society, The UC Davis Dept. of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology, and the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology. Please come by to check us and the rest of Picnic Day out. Lastly, we are starting to put together a quiz bowl team with hopes to compete at nationals in Monterey next fall. [Editor's note: UC Davis Picnic Day will feature music from the great folk singer Dave Nachmanoff!]

UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creek Week 2009

We are Silver sponsors for Creek Week 2009 on **April 17-25**. Events are listed at <http://www.creekweek.net/cw-activities.htm>. The celebration will take place at the American River College Playing Fields, **Saturday, April 25, 12-2 PM**. The theme this year is: "Got Clean

Creeks?" If you would like to volunteer at the Celebration or at a clean-up site, you may volunteer online at <http://www.creekweek.net/cw-splash.htm>. The Sacramento Area Creeks Council is always looking for crew leads and volunteers.



Once again, the Chapter will assist in sponsoring Earth Day Sacramento, an event hosted by the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS). This year, the event will occur on Sunday, **April 26, 2009**, at Southside Park in downtown Sacramento from 11 AM – 6 PM. The event will feature Wildflower Wonders, with tours of community gardens, development, and trees in the area, and the CNPS spring plant sale. Furthermore, there will be ample opportunity to enjoy numerous bands, great food, and to mingle amongst other environmentally conscious individuals in the greater Sacramento area. For more information, please see the event's website (<http://www.sacramentoearthday.net>), and mark your calendars!!

Vernal Pool Tour

Beale Air Force Base (Yuba County): April 23, 2009, 12:30 pm, contact eric.olson.ctr@beale.af.mil to register.

The Wildlife Society 16th Annual Conference is in Monterey this year!

The 16th Annual Conference will be **September 20-24, 2009**. To register, and for up-to-date conference information, including the preliminary program, visit http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=37&Itemid=184. Tentatively, the plenary on **Sunday, September 20 at 1:30 pm** will be: *The Use and Abuse of Science in Wildlife Policy Decisions*. There will be numerous workshops, a breakfast round table, many symposia, and a poster session. Abstract

submissions are being accepted now. We hope to see many of you in Monterey!

Willow Flycatcher/Great Gray Owl Workshop



Photo Credit: Nicky Davis

The Sacramento-Shasta Chapter and the California Department of Fish and Game are planning a Willow Flycatcher/Great Gray Owl workshop that will focus on the biology and ecology of these species and the mountain meadow they inhabit. The workshop will include information on survey methods and techniques as well as conservation and protection measures. The workshop will be held at Northstar-at-Tahoe-Resort, in Truckee, California, on **June 3-4, 2009**. Registration materials and more information are available at: http://joomla.wildlife.org/Western/images/pastevents/yr2009/wfl_ggo/wfl-ggo_wksp_announc-reg_v4.pdf. For more information please contact Armand Gonzales, 916-358-2876.

Brown-bag Workshop Series

Keep your eye on the web site for details on the brown bag lecture series sponsored by the Sac-Shasta Chapter. Talks by guest speakers will range in topic from research to restoration to policy changes and implementation, so there's sure to be something for everyone. First presentation will be held in May with other details to be announced soon. Point of contact for additional information is Sandra Jacks (SJacks@dfg.ca.gov; phone: 916-358-2916).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If anyone has job or volunteer opportunities to post in our next newsletter, please contact the editor.

NOTICENEW INFORMATION***

California Tiger Salamander and Pacific Fisher Have Entered Candidacy for State Listing

Randi Logsdon

As of this printing, the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) has made the decisions to designate the California tiger salamander and the California population segment of the Pacific fisher as candidates for threatened or endangered status under the California Endangered Species Act. Both decisions were in response to petitions filed by the Center for Biological Diversity. One-year status reviews for each species will be conducted by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and recommendations from DFG will be made to the FGC upon completion of each review. Any wildlife professionals or other interested members of the public may send letters or comments to the FGC at any time during the status reviews. The next FGC meeting will be on **May 13, 2009** and will be open for public comment (<http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2009/2009mtgs.asp>).

For more information, check the FGC or DFG websites or you may find the announcements in the California Register. Get involved! We urge you to read through the FGC agendas for upcoming meetings and show up to comment on issues that are important to you.

The Sacramento-Shasta Chapter welcomes comments and input from our members. If you have suggestions for articles, questions you want answered, things you'd like to see us do, or events to announce, please let us know! Contact any one of the Board members.

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