

NORTHERN GOSHAWK NESTING IN SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

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There have been few verified records of the Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) nesting in New Mexico, with almost all of the nests being limited to the northern San Juan and Sangre de Cristo Mountains (Hubbard, Check-list of the birds of New Mexico, New Mexico Ornithol. Soc. Publ. No. 3, 1970:20-21). For the rest of New Mexico, only two nests have been reported: one near Silver City (Johnson and Harris, Condor 69:209, 1967) and the other in the San Mateo Range (Ligon, New Mexico birds and where to find them, New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, 1961:60-61). Ligon also reported several sightings in the Sacramento Mountains, though no nests have ever been reported.

On 20 May 1975 I discovered a Northern Goshawk nest in the Sacramento Mountains. The nest was in a mature Ponderosa Pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), approximately 30 m above the ground. The site was a very open stand of Ponderosa Pine, Piñon (*P. edulis*) and juniper (*Juniperus*), with a sparse understory of oak (*Quercus*) and mahogany (*Cercocarpus*). The nest tree was on a west-facing slope and about 0.5 km from a small stream.

When I visited the nest, the female left the nest and disappeared from view, revealing one young that was about 15 days old, judging from its feather development. The nestling was covered with down, and its primaries and secondaries were just beginning to show. The hatching date for this goshawk must have been in the first week in May. This date is significant, as it is one month earlier than the date found by Craighead and Craighead in Wyoming (Hawks, owls, and wild-life, Dover Publ., New York, 1969:205) and three weeks earlier than any of 59 nests I am studying in Colorado.

On 19 March 1976 I returned to the nest and found the remains of the female under a nearby tree. As there were numerous large pellets and "whitewash" under the tree, I believe the goshawk was eaten by a Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*).

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WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS MONTEREY PELAGIC TRIPS, 1977

We are announcing three trips for 1977 out of Monterey. Because of the success of the June 1976 trip, we are rescheduling that trip, and, due to past demand, we are scheduling two fall migration trips: 27 August and 2 October. By scheduling two fall trips, we hope to provide spaces for all of our members who want to go out of Monterey in the fall and also provide data for a time of year that has been underbirded. It is well known that any season in Monterey Bay provides exciting birding and pelagic mammal watching.

Cost for each trip is \$15/person for WFO members and their families, \$22.50/person for non-members (you automatically become a member with this extra fee and will receive a year's subscription to *Western Birds*). Be sure to send in reservations for each trip on the date that is posted under each trip; requests for spaces postmarked prior to this date will be returned and no verbal reservations will be accepted. Reservations may be made by sending a check or money order payable to Western Field Ornithologists, c/o Susanne Luther, 7481 Woodrow, Oakland, CA 94611. The full name of all the persons for whom you are making a reservation and a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE must accompany your request. Be sure to include the full name and address of new members. Please send a separate check for each trip.

SATURDAY, 18 JUNE 1977. Leave 8 AM, return 3 PM. One boat, the Holiday (44 people). Reservations must be postmarked 18 May or later.

Pelagic waters at this time of year are generally very calm. This is an excellent time of year to see Black-footed Albatross; last year we saw over 300! Other species seen last year on this trip were: Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Pigeon Guillemot, Xantus' Murrelet (1), Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Tufted Puffin (1), Horned Puffin (7—the unexpected highlight of the trip!)

Trip Leader: Dick Erickson

SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST 1977. Leave 8 AM, return 3 PM. Two boats, the Holiday (44 people) and the Holiday II (38). Reservations must be postmarked 18 May or later.

Fall migration of pelagic species is in full swing with the bonus of large numbers of Arctic Terns and larger numbers of jaegers than later in the fall. Species that have been seen at this time of year in the last two years are: Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed Shearwater, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, New Zealand Shearwater, Black Storm-Petrel, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (uncommon), Northern Phalarope, Red Phalarope, Skua, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger (uncommon), Sabine's Gull, Elegant Tern, Arctic Tern, Cassin's Auklet, Xantus' Murrelet.

Trip Leaders: Ted Chandik, Joe Morlan.

SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1977. Leave 8 AM, return 3 PM. Three boats, the Sea Wolf (38), the Randy II (40) and the New Roz (43). Reservations must be postmarked 18 May or later.

This is the traditional fall migration trip, at which time the huge flocks of storm-petrels can usually be located to look through for the more uncommon species. Pelagic waters at this time of year can be rough. At this time of year we have found Pink-footed Shearwater, Flesh-footed Shearwater, New Zealand Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Manx Shearwater (uncommon), Fork-tailed Storm-

Petrel (uncommon), Ashy Storm-Petrel, Black Storm-Petrel, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Skua, Sabine's Gull, Thick-billed Murre (uncommon), Xantus' Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Tufted Puffin.

Leaders: John Luther, Mike Parmeter, Rich Stallcup.

For further information call Susanne Luther (415) 339-0986.

WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SAN DIEGO PELAGIC TRIPS, 1977

Tentative destination is area around San Clemente Island.

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\$25.00 per person for non-members (includes membership in WFO and subscription to *Western Birds*)

Reservations may be made by sending a check or money order made payable to Western Field Ornithologists, c/o Clifford Lyons, 321 South Rios, Solana Beach, CA 92075. A separate check must be sent for each trip. Please enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, the names of ALL the people you are making reservations for and your phone number.

The boat will depart from Seaforth Sportfishing Landing, Mission Bay, San Diego. Please be at the landing 30 minutes prior to departure time. We leave promptly at 5:30 AM and will return at approximately 6:00 PM. This boat, the Seaforth, is a large fishing boat with a galley where short orders including breakfast, snacks and beverages are sold.

Trip Leader: Guy McCaskie

SATURDAY, 14 MAY 1977. Spring migration.

Reservations will be accepted postmarked 14 April 1977 or later by order of postmark. Requests for spaces prior to this date or verbal requests will not be accepted.

This time of year we have found Black-footed Albatross, Pink-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Black Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Pomarine Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, Xantus' Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet and Rhinoceros Auklet. Rarities such as puffins, Red-billed Tropicbird and South Polar Skua have also been found this time of year.

SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1977. Fall migration.

SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 1977.

Reservations will be accepted postmarked 10 August 1977 or later by order of postmark. Requests for spaces prior to this date or verbal requests will not be accepted. Because of the popularity of this trip we are having both a Saturday and Sunday trip. People traveling the farthest distance will be placed on the Saturday trip unless they otherwise indicate. The confirmation notice will indicate your scheduled reservation day.

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Both trips also offer opportunities to see fish and marine mammals.

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