

A summary compiled by Ted Floyd of the contents of the journal *Colorado Birds*, published by Colorado Field Ornithologists (CFO):

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FIVE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE SLV

by BILL SCHMOKER

pp. 236-237

Exhortation to attend the 2009 CFO convention in the enormous San Luis Valley, home to such amazing places as the Pinyon Hills (arid foothills), Blanca Wetlands (alkaline lakes), Medano-Zapata Ranch (diverse upland habitats), and Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs (sprawling cattail marshes).

ACROSS THE BOARD: CONNIE KOGLER

by BILL SCHMOKER

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The life and times of CFO board member and membership chairwoman Connie Cogler, active in the birding community throughout Colorado, a leader in various nature and animal organizations, a businesswoman, and the legendary hostess of Colorado's first Streak-backed Oriole; in her spare time, she has raised 11 children.

RON RYDER AWARD RECIPIENT: TONY LEUKERING

by RACHEL HOPPER

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Tribute to 2008 Ron Ryder Award recipient Tony Leukering, widely acknowledged to be one of Colorado's most active and influential field ornithologists; Tony's Colorado legacy has been especially strong in the areas of bird monitoring, bird identification, and birders' grammar.

CFO FIELD TRIP REPORTS: SPRING 2008

by JIM BEATTY, JOE ROLLER, and IRA SANDERS

pp. 243-246

Summary of CFO expeditions to the Upper Texas Coast (16-27 April 2008), private ranches in Prowers and Baca Counties (9-11 May 2008), and private ranches in Las Animas County (30 May-1 June 2008).

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

by SARAIYA RUANO

pp. 247-248

Recap of the 2008 Young Birders' Conference, run by the American Birding Association; the author's travel to the conference was supported by a youth scholarship awarded by Colorado Field Ornithologists.

COLORADO'S FIRST BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER

by DAVID LEATHERMAN

pp. 249-256

Photographic documentation, written description, and discussion of the observed behaviors of a Brown-crested Flycatcher (subspecies *magister*) at Crow Valley Campground, Weld County, 29 October 2007; the record was further evaluated in the context of the normal range and known extralimital occurrences of the species.

ARCTIC LOON IN COLORADO

by ANDREW SPENCER

pp. 257-260

Discussion of an Arctic Loon, Colorado's second and only the third inland in North America, at Chatfield State Park, Douglas and Jefferson Counties, 28 September 2005; identification of Arctic Loons should factor in such consideration as geographic variation, head shape and bill shape, white on the flanks, and presence or absence of a vent strap.

DEFENDING THE NEST: MOUNTAIN PLOVER SURVIVAL

by LARRY MODESITT

pp. 261-265

Description and photographic documentation of the understated but sophisticated nest-protection strategies of Mountain Plovers at Chico Basin Ranch, El Paso and Pueblo Counties.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS II: ASSESSING POTENTIAL CHANGES IN SPECIES DISTRIBUTION

by LYNN E. WICKERSHAM

pp. 266-270

A comparison of results from the first Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas (conducted in the 1980s) with preliminary results from the second, ongoing atlas indicates range expansions for Eurasian Collared-Dove, Cassin's Kingbird, and other species; recent additions to the state's breeding avifauna include Hooded Merganser, Franklin's Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, White-winged Dove, and Prairie Warbler.

The 48TH REPORT OF THE Colorado Bird Records Committee

by LAWRENCE S. SEMO

pp. 270-278

Evaluation during the summer of 2008 by the Colorado Bird Records Committee of 49 reports submitted by 20 observers documenting 36 occurrences of 17 species; highlights include Whooping Crane, Pomarine Jaeger (September juvenile), Vermilion Flycatcher (5 records in spring 2006), and Wood Thrush (3 records in 2006).

THE HUNGRY BIRDER: SEDGWICK COUNTY

by HENRY ARMKNECHT

p. 279

Overview of dining options for the birder visiting Sedgwick County, with focus on such eateries as Lucy's (pie, bison), El Alegre (Mexican), and Kodi's Cafe ("mountain oysters").

NEWS FROM THE FIELD: SPRING 2008 (MARCH–MAY)

by ANDREW SPENCER

pp. 280-301

Highlights include Eurasian Wigeon (3 reports), Least Bittern, Reddish Egret, Hudsonian Godwit, Ruff, Laughing Gull (West Slope), Eastern Wood-Pewee (5 reports), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher (10 reports), Philadelphia Vireo (7 reports), and 40 species of warblers, including Blackpoll (47 reports of at least 168 individuals), Cerulean, and Swainson's, plus Louisiana Waterthrush.

SWAINSON'S HAWK VS. ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: AN OVERLOOKED IDENTIFICATION PITFALL

by TONY LEUKERING

pp. 302-305

Overview of differences between Swainson's and Rough-legged Hawks, with special emphasis on separation of juvenile Swainson's from adult male Rough-legged; underappreciated similarities between the two species may account for erroneous reports of both species out of season.