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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

By BILL SCHMOKER.

Pp. 88-89.

Welcome to incoming CFO President Jim Beatty, plus reflections on the growth of the organization in recent years.

**CFO BOARD MINUTES.**

By ALLISON HILF.

Pp. 89-92.

Minutes of the 31 January 2009 CFO board meeting, including actions and deliberations regarding adoption by CFO of the ABA Code of Birding Ethics, bylaws changes regarding board service and term limits, and enhancements to online communication from CFO.

**ACROSS THE BOARD: JIM BEATTY.**

By BILL SCHMOKER.

Pp. 92-95.

Profile of CFO board member Jim Beatty, Vice President and Field Trip Director; a lifelong birder, Beatty attended Cornell University, where he squandered his time in engineering, not ornithology; he has since made amends by birding hard everywhere he goes; as a CFO board member, Beatty is especially keen on continuing to develop online excellence for the organization.

**TEN YEARS OF PROJECT FUNDING BY CFO.**

By WILLIAM H. KAEMPFER.

Pp. 95-97.

Overview of CFO's research project fund, which has provided more than \$21,000 to 25 projects during the past 10+ years; funded research has focused both on individual bird species and special bird habitats, and research results are regularly reported in this journal.

**REMEMBERING BILL BROCKNER.** 

By KEVIN J. COOK.

Pp. 98-101.

Reminiscences about the life and times of the late William ("Bill") Brockner, Colorado birding icon, tireless champion of bird conservation, and one of the first persons to record 700 species in North America north of Mexico.

**KLEPTOPARASITISM OF AMERICAN COOTS BY AMERICAN WIGEONS.**

By LISA CARMODY and ALEXANDER CRUZ.

Pp. 101-111.

A quantitative study of kleptoparasitism of American Coots by American Wigeons, conducted in Boulder County, Colorado, revealed that kleptoparasitism rates are higher among female wigeons than among males, that coot density and overall frequency of kleptoparasitism by wigeons are positively correlated, and that overall feeding rates and frequency of kleptoparasitism are inversely correlated.

**COLORADO'S FIRST RECORD OF SOOTY TERN.**

By BRANDON K. PERCIVAL.

Pp. 111-115.

Written account and photographic documentation of Colorado's first Sooty Tern, present 12-13 September 2008 in Otero and Crowley Counties; the bird was judged to have arrived in Colorado via Hurricane Gustav,

whose remnants passed over southeastern Oklahoma nine days prior to the Colorado sighting.

#### DENVER AUDUBON'S MASTER BIRDER PROGRAM.

By KAREN VON SALTZA.

Pp. 115-120.

Overview of Master Birder certification process by the Audubon Society of Greater Denver; starting with a selective admissions process, participants complete 18 requirements, including recognition in the field of 200 bird species in Colorado, so as to be able to assume leadership roles in the Colorado birding community.

#### FIELD NOTE: AN APPARENT SECOND BROOD OF JUNIPER TITMOUSE.

By TINA MITCHELL.

Pp. 120-123.

Documentation of an apparent second brood by a Juniper Titmouse pair in Fremont County; previous research on the breeding ecology of the species has been quite scant, indicating that the species usually raises one brood per year; there are few if any previously published reports of double-brooding in the Juniper Titmouse.

#### THE 50TH REPORT OF THE CBRC.

By LAWRENCE S. SEMO.

Pp. 123-135.

Summary of 63 reports by 11 observers of 43 occurrences of 39 bird species, 9 reports of which were rejected; highlights include acceptance of Colorado's first Sooty Tern, bringing the state list to 488 species, plus acceptances of King Rail, Ancient Murrelet, Smith's Longspur, and Type 3 Red Crossbill.

#### THE HUNGRY BIRDER: ALAMOSA.

By JOHN J. RAWINSKI.

Pp. 135-137.

The lowdown on where to eat in Alamosa, offering Mexican restaurants aplenty, the True Grits Steakhouse (with its John Wayne motif), Wise Apples (burgers and fries), and various coffee shops that, alas, tend not to be open when birders most need for them to be open, i.e., before sunrise.

#### NEWS FROM THE FIELD: FALL 2008 (AUGUST-NOVEMBER).

By ANDREW SPENCER.

Pp. 137-152.

Highlights include Eurasian Wigeon, Red-throated Loon (6 reports), Yellow-billed Loon, Brown Pelican, multiple Tricolored Herons, Red-shouldered Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Laughing Gull (3 reports), possible Slaty-backed Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Sooty Tern, Ancient Murrelet, Whip-poor-will, Anna's Hummingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Alder Flycatcher, possible Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow, and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow.

#### IN THE SCOPE: JUVENILE HORNED LARK.

By TONY LEUKERING.

Pp. 152-154.

Cautionary note about the potential to confuse juvenile Horned Larks with other Colorado bird species, especially Sprague's Pipits; juvenile Horned Larks can be present in Colorado from late March into September; a good point of distinction is the long primary projection of Horned Lark vs. the short primary projection of Sprague's Pipit.

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