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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 JIM BEATTY.

Pp. 160-162.

Thanks to outgoing CFO President Bill Schmoker, overview of 2009 CFO convention in Alamosa, and plea for CFO members to contribute their time and talents to the organization.

CFO BOARD MINUTES.

By BILL SCHMOKER.

Pp. 163-166.

Minutes of the 11 April 2009 CFO board meeting, including actions and deliberations regarding incoming and outgoing board members, revisions to the organization's bylaws, and ongoing functions of the organization.

MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF CFO.

By LARRY MODESITT.

Pp. 166-167.

Proceedings of the annual meeting, held in Alamosa, Colorado, with Bill Schmoker presiding; a new slate of officers was elected by the membership, and awards were given to Dave Leatherman, Warren Finch, and the uninomial Davis.

REVISED CFO BYLAWS.

(Anonymous.)

Pp. 168-172.

Complete bylaws of the Colorado Field Ornithologists, including changes approved at the 11 April 2009 meeting of the board of directors.

ACROSS THE BOARD: BILL KAEMPFER.

By BILL SCHMOKER.

Pp. 172-175.

Profile of CFO board member Bill Kaempfer, who heads up the organization's project fund and youth scholarship fund; a prominent and active Colorado Birder, Kaempfer leads 15-20 bird outings per year, and does various CBCs and BBS routes; in his spare time, he is an economics professor and vice provost & associate vice chancellor at the University of Colorado.

RON RYDER AWARD RECIPIENT: DAVID LEATHERMAN 

By RACHEL HOPPER.

Pp. 175-178.

Tribute to David Leatherman, recipient of the 2009 Ron Ryder Award for distinguished service to CFO; a lifelong naturalist and prolific author, Leatherman has discovered five insect species new to science, served as editor of *Colorado Birds*, and inspired countless birders and other naturalists in Colorado.

LETTER TO CFO.

By DAVID LEATHERMAN.

Pp. 178-179.

Musings on the connectivity between two "truths" in life; the first truth is that nature never lets you down (especially during migration!);

the second truth is nature study is made worthwhile by sharing and learning from human beings.

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBERT J. NIEDRACH.

By SARAIYA RUANO.

Pp. 179-187.

The life and times of Robert J. Niedrach, high school dropout and, with Alfred Bailey, author of the monumental, two-volume *Birds of Colorado* (1965); Niedrach, a protégé of the legendary Frank M. Chapman, conducted ornithological studies worldwide, and his work on the nesting ecology of Colorado's birds was especially noteworthy.

SPECIMENS OF RARE RED CROSSBILL TYPES FROM COLORADO.

By ANDREW SPENCER.

Pp. 187-191.

Results of a museum study of the occurrence of Red Crossbill "types" in Colorado; 3 Colorado specimens at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science are either Type 3 (rare but regular in Colorado) or Type 10 (a hypothetical accidental in Colorado), and 6 specimens are Type 6 (also a hypothetical accidental in Colorado).

THE 51ST REPORT OF THE CBRC.

By LAWRENCE S. SEMO.

Pp. 193-204.

Summary of 82 reports by 26 observers of 66 occurrences of 38 bird species, 2 reports of which were rejected; highlights include acceptance of Colorado's 9th Reddish Egret, 10th Gyrfalcon, and 11th Whip-poor-will.

THE HUNGRY BIRDER (SPECIAL EDITION): SHADE-GROWN COFFEE AND BIRDS.

By KATHERINE MORRISON.

Pp. 204-212.

Overview of the benefits of purchasing shade-grown coffee, and tips for Colorado birders on how and where to purchase coffee that is produced in a manner least likely to be harmful to birds, humans, and the environment.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD: WINTER 2008-2009 (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY).

By JIM BEATTY.

Pp. 212-221.

Highlights include 2 Brants, multiple Iceland Gulls, 12 reports of Mew Gull, possible Slaty-backed Gull, several Glaucous-winged Gulls, 11 reports of Great Black-backed Gull, Common Ground-Dove, Sedge Wren, 2 Pine Warblers, Eastern Towhee, 2 Le Conte's Sparrows, and Golden-crowned Sparrow.

IN THE SCOPE: LILIAN'S MEADOWLARK.

By TONY LEUKERING and NATHAN PIEFLOW.

Pp. 222-228.

Introduction to and overview of the history and status of "Lilian's" Meadowlark, currently treated as a subspecies of Eastern Meadowlark, with particular focus on occurrence in Colorado; "Lilian's" Meadowlark should be looked for in high-structure grasslands in southeastern Colorado.

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