

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Birding

VOL. 39 • NO. 3 • MAY/JUNE 2007

In this issue: What do birds actually *do*? How can we become more skilled at observing bird behavior? And how can we apply our understanding of bird behavior to identification, conservation, and so forth? *Cover image: Montage of Snail Kites near Lake Tohopekaliga, Florida, March 2006, by © Jim Neiger.*

More information on the cover photography available online <aba.org/pubs/birding/archives/vol39no3p17w1.pdf>



Correspondence

10 Your Letters

- Advanced Birders Are Okay
- Counting Condors
- Bird Names

18 Editorial

A *Birding* Interview with DAVID A. SIBLEY

22 Flight Path

Young Birder of the Year Contest
Essays and artwork by ANNA WIKER

26 Traditions

Martin Stewards and a Lengthy Heritage
PAUL J. BAICICH

28 Sightings

Early March to Early April 2007
RICK WRIGHT

30 News and Notes

- PAUL HESS
- Flashy Foraging by Redstarts
 - Migrants' Sleeping Behavior
 - Gull-billed Tern Conservation
 - Eastern Harlequin Duck

Feature Articles

34 Migrants, Mono Lake, Monsoons, and Molt

MICHAEL DONAHUE

42 Assailed by Loons

STAN TEKIELA

46 The Xantus's Murrelets of Anacapa Island

CHUCK GRAHAM

52 The Northern Wheatear Invasion of Fall 2006

MICHAEL SMITH

56 Searching for Nests in Early Successional Habitat

RICHARD H. YAHNER



Departments

62 March/April Photo Quiz Answers

Lurkers and Deceivers
BILL PRANTY

68 Dimensions

Birders Helping Birders
JASON LEIFESTER

72 Tools of the Trade

The Zeiss T*FLs
DEREK LOVITCH

76 Book Reviews

- The Bird Beat
RICK WRIGHT, *reviewer*
- A New World Order
PETER KAESTNER, MACKLIN SMITH, *reviewers*

96 New Photo Quiz



Snail Kite and Red-winged Blackbird.
Photograph by © Jim Neiger.