

## Editor's Note

Handling manuscripts for *Central Valley Birds* is sometimes a feast-or-famine situation. We fell behind our schedule due to a lack of submissions, and then received a burst of them. So, this is a double issue to get articles out to you as soon as possible and put us back on schedule. We hope you enjoy the wide range of articles in this larger issue.

As noted elsewhere, we have published our second special publication, *Sacramento County Breeding Birds: A Tale of Two Atlases and Three Decades of Change*. This excellent book is an important contribution to our mission to provide information that informs avian science and bird conservation in the Central Valley. Congratulations to authors Ed Pandolfino, Lily Douglas, Tim Manolis, and Chris Conard. The publication was underwritten by the club's Waldo Holt fund, but we expect to recoup most or all the costs through sales, which can then fund other conservation initiatives, student research grants, and future publications. If you haven't done so yet, go buy the book at [cvbirds.org](http://cvbirds.org).

I am excited about our new initiative, *Birds of the Central Valley*, in collaboration with Andy Engilis, Jr. and the UC Davis Museum of Fish and Wildlife Biology. The series will produce a series of articles clarifying the historical and current status of birds in the valley, and provide opportunities for new authors, including students, to contribute to *CV Birds*. See Andy's article in this issue.

I asked Editorial Board member Chris Swarth to accept the role of Assistant Editor. Chris has been a prime influence in our move to conducting full peer review of all research articles. He has already served as a guest editor for most of the articles published by yours truly, and a regular reviewer for others. Instituting peer review significantly increases the editorial workload, so thanks for the help, Chris!

I thank Dan Brown, who after many years of exemplary service is stepping down as the *CV Birds* photo editor. Dan has been a huge help to us, and we expect he will continue to contribute his excellent photos. We also welcome Jennifer Neale to our Editorial Board. Jennifer teaches Ornithology at American River College, from which we hope to encourage student articles. Thanks, Jennifer!

While I am thanking people, let me just remind everyone of the important contributions of our Layout Editor Frances Oliver, regular Seasonal Highlights author John Sterling, and our Editorial Board for their contributions in locating and reviewing articles.

*Dan Airola*