



## President's Message

I'm writing this message prior to this year's Central Valley Birding Symposium, but you may or may not receive this issue until after it occurs. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this year's virtual Central Valley Birding Symposium. Registration is open for this year's event, scheduled for Friday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. Many of our old friends will be presenting as well as some new faces.

For those who register, the event will be recorded and will be available to view at your convenience. The link to registration is at <https://cvbirds-symposium.netlify.app/>.

With registration, you can renew your membership as well as contribute to the Scholarship Fund, the Conservation Fund, the Publication Fund, or the Waldo Holt Fund. The Holt Fund is now providing funds for two graduate research projects per year. The first project, looking at the abundance and distribution of Blue-winged Teal in the Central Valley, will be presented during the Conservation and Research part of the symposium

Should this get to you after the symposium and you were unable to attend, you may renew your membership and make contributions to our funds at [cvbirds.org](http://cvbirds.org).

Board member Lily Douglas is spearheading a new Outreach Committee. With Board member John Harris, they are leading our exploration of ways to make the Club more available to birders of color and those with limited mobility. Club member Paul Miller will be making a symposium presentation on accessibility on birding trails. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Lily Douglas at [outreach@cvbirds.org](mailto:outreach@cvbirds.org).

The Club's second special publication in the last two years, ***Sacramento County Breeding Birds: A Tale of Two Atlases and Three Decades of Change***, is selling briskly. Authored by Ed Pandolfino, Lily Douglas, Timothy Manolis, and Chris Conard, the atlas analyzes the last five years of breeding bird observations and compares the changes to a similar but previously unpublished Breeding Bird Atlas done almost 30 years ago. It's a stylish and readable addition to any Central Valley birder's library and an important contribution to understanding changes in bird populations and their conservation implications. The atlas is available, along with Dan Airola's, ***Life Under the Fast Lane Ecology and Conservation of the Bridge-Nesting Purple Martins in Urban Sacramento***, at <http://www.cvbirds.org/books/>

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