

treatment plant. If you can check one or more spots that you typically check for shorebirds, we can compile the information and get a better picture of shorebird use of available habitat in the Central Valley. If you want to make multiple visits to see if changes occur, that would be useful, too.

Things to take note of will be: exact location; description of the habitat; condition of the habitat (permanent, drying up, etc.); time of day; temperature; wind; human disturbance; species present; age ratios (How was age determined?).

If you would like to participate, contact: Bruce Webb (BruWebb@ns.net) P. O. Box 2845 Granite Bay, CA 95746 (916) 797-0535. Information will be forwarded to interested participants.

President's Message

I would like to comment on just a few things that I believe show the club is heading in the right direction.

First, the main events calendar for the remainder of 1999 is now set so folks can make their plans accordingly. If you want to see those events, check the CVBC web site.

Second, I'm excited about the new listserve that the club sponsors. It is called Central Valley Birds and when you get e-mail, it pops up with [CenValBirds] in the subject line, so you know when you are hearing from other Central Valley Birders. I encourage everyone to join in and use this new birding resource. I believe this will be another mechanism to better connect birders and bird information throughout the Central Valley. If you possess email internet services, I encourage you to check the information in the announcement in this issue of the Bulletin.

Third, the club is seriously looking into ways to improve our outreach to young people about birding and nature, especially high schoolers. LoRaine Brown from Sacramento is helping to lead this charge by setting up a volunteer base and forming contacts with various schools' science departments, ecology clubs, etc. If you have any interest in this, or know of interested parties, please contact LoRaine at (916) 481-9225.

Finally, plans are well underway for the next Central Valley Birding Symposium, to be held again in Stockton on November 18-21, 1999. Heading the list of speakers are Jon Dunn, Joe Morlan, Debra Shearwater, and John Kemper. Be looking for more detailed information in the near future.

As this issue goes to press, spring migration is in full swing. I hope you are all making the most of it.

David Yee