

## *Bristlecone Audubon Society*



*Newsletter 006 –10 November 2010*

### ***BIRDING COSTA RICA***

#### ***Upcoming Evening Meeting - Wednesday 17 November 2010***

Wildlife Photographer, Gary Clark will be presenting *Birding Costa Rica*. This promises to be an astonishing view into the biological diversity of one of our Central American neighbors. As with all Chapter events, expect some food and drink. If you feel motivated, bring a treat. 6:30pm, NDOW Conference Room, 60 Youth Center Drive.



Collared Redstart (*Myioborus torquatus*) at the Monteverde Reserve in Costa Rica

(Photo courtesy of Gary Clark, Bristlecone Audubon Member).

***The Annual 'Christmas' Bird Count (National CBC) 2 January 2011***

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bristlecone Audubon will continue a tradition started by National Audubon of counting all wintering birds within a ten mile radius of Elko and Spring Creek and provide that data to the national data base. CBCs are also held at Ruby Lake, Snake Valley, Jarbidge and the lower Humboldt River Valley near Battle Mountain. We will provide information on these counts as details come in.

Tentative Calendar into 2011

February 16, 2011 Evening Meeting: Presentation: ***What do Red-naped Sapsuckers and Silver-haired Bats share in common?***

February 18-20, 2011 ***Great Backyard Bird Count***

April 2, 2011 ***Buzzard Saturday BBQ (Return of the Turkey Vultures)***

June Field Tour ***Ruby Lake Birding Drive***

Other Business

***Bristlecone Audubon Constitution*** One week from today, members attending the evening meeting will vote on whether to a) ratify our draft constitution; b) ratify with modifications; or c) not ratify. This document is being sent out in a separate email today.

***Final Membership Push*** We need to keep those Bristlecone Audubon membership recruitments rolling in. The end of November is our deadline. Remember to remind new recruits to pencil our Chapter Code, “C0Z P52 0Z” into the “Official use only” box when signing up with National Audubon. If you need more membership forms, just let us know. Thanks!!

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*Natural History Records: This morning marked the first sign of black rosy finches 'chowing' down on black oil sunflower from at least one backyard feeder in the Pleasant Valley bottoms. Probably not coincidentally, the morning also revealed our first significant valley snowfall of the season ...three inches on the level. Probably, their mountain seed sources were a little buried this morning. Friends at the same feeder also included American goldfinches, pine siskins, house finches, gray-crowned rosy finches and a single Eurasian collared-dove. The party broke up at about 0715hr when a male Cooper's hawk tried and failed to make a meal out of a male American goldfinch. Quite the aerial acrobatics show. Other records include two rare bird sighting; a surf scoter at the Stager-Parson's gravel pit off Last Chance Road near Elko on 3 November and a varied thrush at a feeder in Battle Mountain on 5 November. Both rare bird records were sent in by the rare bird magnet himself, Mr. Larry Teske.*

