

# Not Your Ordinary Bird Festival

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If you've missed out on the previous two Mono Basin Bird Chautauquas, then you still have a chance to catch the 3rd annual this June. The Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua (MBBC) celebrates decades of scientific research, conservation, and the unique connection between birds and people in the Mono Basin.

3rd Annual  
Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua  
June 18–20, 2004

Visit [www.birdchautauqua.org](http://www.birdchautauqua.org)  
for the schedule of events  
Registration begins April 15

and public events. The institution grew from the early-American thirst for self-improvement and education, and later evolved into a traveling movement or circuit that became most popular in the rural Midwest.

The MBBC even has a vaudeville streak—on Sunday participants have an opportunity to demonstrate their bird calling talent and take home exciting prizes. The weekend wraps up with a picnic and live music at County Park. This year we are pleased to present the music of Carrie Newcomer.

The 3rd Annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua partners are the Mono Lake Committee, US Forest Service, California State Parks, PRBO Conservation Science, and Eastern Sierra Audubon. For more detailed information, registration, and a complete listing of activities for kids and adults of all ages go to [www.birdchautauqua.org](http://www.birdchautauqua.org). Call (760) 647-6595 with questions. ❖



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Researcher Justin Hite mimics a California Gull at the Chautauqua picnic.

Mark your calendar for summer solstice weekend, June 18–20. The Chautauqua has something for everyone—from beginning to experienced birders of all ages. The weekend offers a series of presentations, workshops, and field trips focusing on birds, art, and science. This year's Chautauqua presenters and leaders include Kenn Kaufman, Jon Dunn, Ane Carla Rovetta, Rich Stallcup, David Lukas, Dr. David Winkler, and many more.

Chautauqua is an institution that began in the late 19th century to provide higher education opportunities through the combination of lectures, concerts,

## Sipping Your Way to a Good Cause

The Mono Lake Wine Flight is an opportunity to sip wine, listen to music, support a good cause, and enjoy some of the best views from any venue anywhere in California—from the Lake Room at the historic Mono Inn. Celebrate the beginning of summer with a good cause and join us for wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and cello music by Priscilla Hawkins. Wineries include Barefoot Reserves, Barefoot

Bubbies, DeLoach, Henry Wine Group, Muir Hanna, Pedroncelli, and Wildhurst.

You will have an opportunity to taste new wines, meet friends, catch up on the latest plans for the Mono Basin Field Station, and enjoy the beauty of Mono Lake. There will also be a time for friends to celebrate Martha Davis' 50th birthday. Martha was the Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee for thirteen years, and is well known in the water world for

leading the Committee to success through truly cooperative solutions. Mono Lake holds a special place in Martha's heart, and she keeps in close touch with Mono Lake by serving on the Mono Lake Committee Board of Directors. There may be a surprise guest appearance or two from Chautauqua presenters, and a silent auction will include an Ansel Adams lithograph.

Tickets for the Wine Flight are \$50 per person and proceeds will benefit the Mono Lake Committee's new Mono Basin Field Station. Space is limited at the Mono Inn so register early. Also, if you are planning to have dinner downstairs after the event, we urge you to make reservations ASAP. To reserve your tickets to the Mono Basin Wine Flight call (760) 647-6595. For dinner reservations at the Mono Inn call (760) 647-6581.

### Mono Lake Wine Flight

A WINE-TASTING BENEFIT FOR THE MONO BASIN FIELD STATION AND  
CELEBRATION OF MARTHA DAVIS' 50TH BIRTHDAY

Saturday June 19, 2004 4:00 to 6:30PM

At the Mono Inn at Mono Lake

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