

MINUTES  
1988 WBBA Board Meeting  
Living Room, C.J. Ralph's Home  
Arcata, California  
Friday, 7 October 1988

Present: (Board Members and Officers) Bill Quay, Dave DeSante, Alan Gubanich, Ruth Ogden Russell, Howard Cogswell, Joan and Bob Tweit; (Guests) Steve Russell, Ken Voget, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chapin, Dave Fortha, Dick Mewaldt, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Harold Wasserman, Otis Swisher, and Max Lincoln.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Quay at 4:00 pm. The minutes of last year's Board Meeting in Tucson were accepted as presented by past Secretary Ruth Ogden Russell.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Chair Bob Tweit, as follows:

President: Dave DeSante  
First Vice-President: Alan Gubanich  
Second Vice-President: Sartor Williams  
Secretary: Carl Barrentine  
Treasurer: Howard Cogswell  
Directors: 1989 - Ruth Ogden Russell  
1990 - Kenneth Voget

A motion was made and passed to accept the report for presentation to the members at the general meeting.

Editor Bob Tweit reported on the status of NABB. One paper has been accepted, 3 others reviewed and returned to authors, and 2 more submitted. Terry Ingram will remain as Coordinator of the journal for one more year. Differences in philosophy between the 3 bird banding associations have caused difficulty in the timely publication of NABB. After considerable discussion of these difficulties, it was finally moved by Dave DeSante that the Board establish a committee to investigate what WBBA would want to do in the future concerning publication of NABB, and to recommend to the Board by February 1, 1989 what might be the most fruitful approach to handling NABB, including the possibility of publishing a journal independently of the other 2 banding organizations. The motion was seconded by Bob Tweit, and passed unanimously. Dave Desante offered to be on the committee, and asked for additional volunteers.

Bob Tweit said another problem with NABB is that very few manuscripts are submitted for publication. It was suggested that perhaps the Editor could specifically solicit articles from various workers, to encourage them to report their work.

Treasurer Howard Cogswell gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted by the Board.

Ken Voget has agreed to chair the Membership Committee. The details of how the committee will operate still need to be worked out. Ken suggested that people familiar with banders in various geographical regions could be asked to contact those banders and encourage them to join WBBA. It was moved and passed (motion: Dave DeSante; seconded: Bob Tweit) that WBBA should design an informative brochure about the organization that could be used to help attract new members. Dick Mewaldt showed copies of the brochure for Coyote Creek Riparian Station as an example of what could be done.

The Board authorized Assistant Treasurer Rick Bowers to sell complete sets of back issues of NABB at \$20 a set, and to advertise them in NABB and Ornithological Newsletter.

A discussion ensued on procedural problems concerning advertising in NABB. Bob Tweit moved, Ruth Ogden Russell seconded, a motion that the President appoint a committee that includes the Treasurer, the Advertising Manager, and an accountant, to develop a fair and equitable policy for handling advertising revenues for NABB. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested by President Bill Quay that the Bancroft Library at the University of California be used to house the archives of WBBA. It was moved and passed (Bob Tweit moved; Ruth Ogden Russell seconded) that the past President and the Treasurer negotiate a solution to the problem of housing the archives.

President Quay thanked and complimented Joan Tweit for her excellent job of compiling the Annual Banding Report. Dick Mewaldt agreed to take on the job this coming year, and he will continue to evaluate the value of the annual report to the organization. Some discussion ensued concerning ways to improve the informational content of the annual report.

The Board discussed the issue of publishing banding station reports in NABB. It was felt that some kind of standard format was needed for those reports. Dave DeSante moved (Howard Cogswell seconded) that the committee assigned to investigate the future of NABB expand its charge to look at the overall content of NABB. Motion passed unanimously.

This year's recipient of the Research Award is Elmer. J. Stewart. The Board authorized the selection of an award recipient for the coming year.

Next year's meeting will be in Reno, Nevada, chaired by Alan Gubanich. It was suggested that for the 1990 meeting we seek an invitation from Beaver Hill Observatory in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. They have expressed an interest in sponsoring a meeting there.

Dave DeSante, Chair of the Bird Populations Committee, reported that details of how the committee will function still need to be developed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alan Gubanich*  
Alan Gubanich, Secretary

Hi Carl! I'm looking forward to seeing you at Arcata!  
Best wishes! Bill Q.

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WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

1988 Annual Meeting, Arcata, California, October 7-9 (Friday - Sunday)  
Board Meeting, Friday October 7, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, At C. J. Ralph's Living Room\*  
\*This is at the meeting site; see map on circular mailed to all WBBA banders/members.

AGENDA (W. B. Quay, WBBA Pres.)

(All interested WBBA members are invited to attend)

I. Minutes of previous meeting (1987, Tucson, AZ) (Alan Gubanich Secr.)

II. Reports and Recommendations

- A. Nominations Committee (Bob Tweit, Chairman)
- B. Editor/Editorial Committee & Board [Status and Future of NABB] Bob Tweit
- C. Treasurer's Report/Summaries/Budget (Howard Cogswell, Treas.)
- D. Membership: Trends/Needs/Plans (Bill Quay/Howard Cogswell/Ken Voget)
- E. NABB & WBBA Monographs: Review of Inventory/Storage/Sales/Policies  
Rick Bowers, Asst. Treas.
- F. Advertising in/for WBBA/NABB (Carl Barrentine)
- G. WBBA Archives & Historian (Howard Cogswell)

- Started* → (H) WBBA's "Annual Report" [of banding activities in WBBA territory]  
Review and Critique of Interest in & Future Plans for: (Dick Mewaldt)
- on discussion with Annual Report* → (I) Station Reports: Status/Needs/Plans (Ruth Russell)
- Needs more work* → (J) Local Committee Report: Present Considerations & Plans (C. J. Ralph)
- Stopped these* → (K) Future Meetings: Policies/Invitations/Plans (Bill Quay & Alan Gubanich)  
[in 1989 at Reno, Alan Gubanich, Chairman of Local Committee, first to second weekend in October?]
- 1990 Alberta Meeting ??* → (L) Annual Research Award Committee (Kerry Reese, Chairman)  
*not here.*
- ??* → (M) Director's Award Committee/Redefinition/Solicitation of Input (Bill Quay)
- (N) Bird Populations Committee(s) (Bill Quay introduction; Dave DeSante Chairman)

III. New Business

- A. New Concerns/Opportunities/Plans - anyone please.
- B. Alternative/Additive Publishing Plans?

IV. Announcements/Concerns: Local Committee (C. J. Ralph)

V. Adjournment

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1 AUGUST 1987 through 31 JULY 1988

6 October 1988

GENERAL FUND

Budget Amounts		Category	Actual / & footnote refs.	
Income	Expenditures		Income	Expenditures /
\$5500	\$ 300	Membership Dues (except Life [see Endowment Fund]) . . . . .	\$5259.25	\$ 188.08 /a
	30	Contributions . . . . .	234.50	-----
	800	Interest (checking acct.=\$481.29; from CD's = \$352.59) . . . . .	833.88	-----
	4800	N.AMERICAN BIRD BANDER (NABB), Production & First Mailing . . . . .	-----	3298.65 /b
	250	Annual Banding Report for WBBA Area (except publishing/NABB). . . . .	-----	228.81
	50	150 NABB: Back Issues; and Banding Worksheets [storage & sales] . . . . .	20.35	60.05 /c
	100	50 Monograph no.1 (Dunning, Body Weights of 686 Species ...) . . . . .	116.72	33.40
	10	0 Index to NABB vols.1-5 . . . . .	21.00	8.62
	80	30 T-shirts for banders . . . . .	168.00	8.03 /d
	30	----- Advertising in NABB [total, to be dispersed among 3 regional banding associations according to what formula?]. . . . .	65.00	-----
	350	Officers' Expenses (other than for above categories) . . . . .	-----	281.18
	250	Research Memorial Grant . . . . .	-----	250.00
	400	400 Annual Meeting (Oct.1987) . . . . .	91.39 /e	47.00 /f
		TOTALS:	\$6810.09	\$4403.82
7000	\$6580			
	+ 420 Reserve			
	7000			

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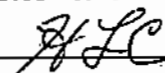
- /a. Expenses of printing & mailing dues notices, some reminders to delinquent members, & few letters.
- /b. NABB publishing total is decidedly lower than expected because we are (again) nearly 1 issue behind schedule. Expenses for the following issues were paid during this fiscal year (WBBA share):  
 vol.12,no.3 = \$1285.76 (included extra pages for WBBA Annual Banding Report).  
 12,no.4 = 971.74  
 13,no.1 = 941.15  
 13,no.2 = 100.00 [advance payment to Coordinator, only; balance of \$444.98 was paid in fiscal 1988-89].  
 )lower than formerly because larger percentage prepared camera ready.
- /c. Expenditures here include a \$50.00 advance to Asst.Treasurer for his operating expenses; no report received to indicate how much was used during this fiscal year. Some probably remains.
- /d. Purchase of a new supply was postponed until after the end of this fiscal year.
- /e. Net Income, only, as reported and forwarded by Local Committee before refund shown in next column [see E.F.
- /f. Refund for unused registration and banquet at Tucson meeting. / also].

Attempt at a Balance Sheet

Checking Account balance on 8/1/87 . . . . . \$7232.58 (Gen.Fund) and \$3102.94 (Endowment)  
 Income from all sources this fiscal year . . . . . 14042.67 } + 6810.09 (Gen.Fund only)  
 Transfer from Checking Acct. into C.D.(Endowment) on 10/2/87 . . . . . -3102.94, leaving \$0 of E.F. in G.F. t  
 Subsequent additions to Endowment (q.v.) but held in part in checking + 841.50 -> +\$581.50 in G.F..7/31/88  
 [Note: total interest from the C.D.s during the FY was included in Income of the G.F., above]  
 Total Expenditures during the Fiscal Year . . . . . 4403.82 = \$10,220.35

but Checking Account balance on 7/31/88 [actually 8/10/88 \*], . . \$9855.66 (includes \$581.50 of E.F.) or ??  
 when checks for July bills were actually written.  
 The Treasurer needs help, obviously, in paper record-keeping when funds are designated for one fund but held temporarily elsewhere. Any accountants among you?

----- Howard L. Cogswell, Treasurer



WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1 AUGUST 1987 through 31 JULY 1988,

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance = Total Endowment Funds, as of 1 August 1987 . . . . \$4940.00 [\$3144.69 in Checking Acct.]  
[ 1795.31 in a Certificate of Deposit]

The C.D. indicated above matured on 2 Oct. 1987 at \$1837.06 to which was added \$3102.94 from the checking account to start a new CD totalling . . . . . \$4940.00 = the exact amount of the Endowment on that date.

On 1/6/88 a donation from Ross Chapin (from sale of traps at the Tucson Meeting) was added . . . . . 321.50 but necessarily held temporarily in the checking account.

Total Endowment then = \$5261.50

On 6/3/88 the \$260 Life Membership from J.A. Im-Brogno was deposited, making " " " = \$5521.50

By 7/12/88 the Total Interest that had accumulated in two CD's then maturing (including the one from 10/2/87) was \$310.84 (\$41.75 having been transferred into the checking account on 10/2/87).

Together with the principal from the matured CD's this was mostly placed in a new, 3-year CD at 7.393 interest [although through a lapse by the Treasurer \$50.84 was shifted to the checking account that should have been in the CD, along with another \$270.66 from the checking account]. . . . . since, the Total Endowment then = \$5521.50

On 7/22/88 the \$260 Life Membership from Maj. Kevin T. Mason was added: & " " " = \$5781.50

which remains distributed at the end of the Fiscal Year as follows . . . . . \$581.50 in checking account + \$5200.00 in C.D. maturing on 7/12/91

Interest accumulated in the CD will be applied to reduce the \$581.50 down to zero, after which subsequent interest would be available for the General Fund again. The Treasurer's apology is tendered for the mix-up at the time the new account was opened; but we would lose 6-months interest if I made any change in it within its first year.



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-- Howard L. Cogswell, Treasurer

## WBBA Annual Meeting -- 1988

President W.B. Quay called the meeting to order at 11:30 am October 8, in the Barn, Main Floor at the residence of C.J. Ralph, in Arcata, California. He presented the report of the Nomination Committee, chaired by Robert Tweit, as follows: President, Dave DeSante; First Vice-President, Alan Gubanich; Second Vice-President, Sartor Williams; Secretary, Carl Barrentine; Treasurer, Howard Cogswell; Directors, Ruth Ogden Russell (1989) and Kenneth Voget (1990). The slate was accepted and the nominees elected.

Secretary Alan Gubanich read a summary of the Board Meeting, held the previous day. Copies of the Treasurer's report were available for anyone interested.

Dave DeSante discussed the role of the Bird Population Committee. Steve Russell then opened a discussion on the content of NABB, specifically asking members for their thoughts about the journal. Several felt that the journal was a valuable source of information for members who were just starting out as banders and field workers. It was noted that one of the biggest problems with NABB is the low number of manuscripts submitted. Dave DeSante suggested that articles about the workshops and demonstrations presented at this year's meetings would be excellent for inclusion in NABB. President Quay encouraged persons working in any area of bird biology to submit articles to the journal, thus making their valuable knowledge available to other workers. Kathy Klimkiewicz, from the Bird Banding Laboratory, encouraged amateurs to write up their work for publication, and not to be afraid to seek help from professionals if they needed assistance in analyzing or summarizing their data.

Future meetings: 1989--Reno, Nevada, local chairperson, Alan Gubanich; 1990--WBBA will seek an invitation from Beaver Hill Observatory in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Gubanich, Secretary

## Highlights of the 1989 Meeting

A record number of registrants (115) attended the WBBA meetings October 7-9 in Arcata, California, at the home of C.J. and Carol P. Ralph. The Board of Directors met from

4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday, then joined the general membership for a potluck barbeque and social in the Ralph's backyard from 6:00 to 10:00 pm that evening.

On Saturday morning several concurrent demonstrations were held in the Ralph's Barn and Banding Laboratory. These included: cloacal lavage techniques; use of bird droppings and stomach samples to determine diets; analysis of owl pellets; autopsy methods; techniques for measuring skull ossification, molt and energy balance; raptor migration methodology; use of telemetry in rough terrain; computer software for analysis of banding data; an update on the "Identification Guide to North American Passerines;" a display of North American field guides; and a walk through the nearby Lamphere-Christiansen Dunes Preserve.

After the business meeting from 11:30 to 12:00, a buffet lunch was served in the Ralph's backyard. Presentation of field studies occupied the afternoon, with 14 talks being given by different workers. Kathy Klimkiewicz reported on current activities at the Bird Banding Laboratory.

The annual banquet was held at the Samoa Cookhouse, after which members were treated to a delightful slide show and talk on "The Galapagos Islands" by Ron LeValley of Biological Journeys.

On Sunday, despite dense fog, members turned out for their choice of three field trips: a pelagic trip to Eel River Canyon; a Coastal Sand Dunes Walk; or a Wetlands and Headlands trip. Demonstrations of banding techniques were also available on Sunday, and again on Monday morning at the Ralph's Banding Laboratory.



# Western Bird Banding Association

1988 ANNUAL MEETING

ARCATA, CALIFORNIA

8-10 October (Friday-Sunday)

Humboldt County, in northwestern California, offers redwood, Douglas-fir, and mixed pine forests, coastal sand dunes, and bluffs, sloughs, mud prairies, and a celebrated fern assemblage and water level project. These are all available at this year's WBA meeting over the Columbus Day weekend in Arcata, home of Humboldt State University. Early October is the peak of migration of many birds in this area.

Our agenda opens with a social and dances on Friday evening. Saturday features banding demonstrations and workshops in the a.m., with presentations in the afternoon, and an informal banquet in the evening. Sunday field trips will be available.

For this meeting, C. J. Riebel is opening his home, barn, and banding lab. The Riebel's property is a South-west edge between pasture and a pine-gum oak forest with cedar-walnut groves. It overlooks the Mad River Slough, a tidal area hosting waterfowl and wintering shorebirds. Surrounding this property is the Lighthouse-Conservancy Jones Preserve of The Nature Conservancy. The preserve, which has limited public access, includes coastal dunes and pine forests.

Call for papers. - If you would like to present a conference paper or some aspect of your work with birds, please send the form below and an abstract of no more than 200 words by September 10 to C. J. Riebel (address below).

Call for workshops and demonstrations. - If you would like to demonstrate some equipment, techniques or ideas, please indicate on the form below your proposed topic, or name C. J. Riebel outlining the demonstration or workshop.

Planned workshops and demonstrations. - The banding operation on Saturday morning will provide practical birds for review or learning of many banding techniques and types of data, including "gambler", molt assessment, determination of breeding condition, and fat levels. In addition,

a very promising technique for determining the daily energy balance of wild birds will be demonstrated. Anita Fain, of the Collier Gene Raptor Observatory, will present a workshop on studying raptor migration. Steve Colman and Peter Nelson will discuss and demonstrate hawk and owl capture. Peter Pyle and Dave DeSantis of Point Reyes Bird Observatory will demonstrate and update their new guide to aging and sexing passerine birds. Mike Rappley and Robert Johnson will demonstrate a newly available computer package for entering, analyzing, and displaying your banding data.

Meals, Social Events, and Banquets. - The numbers 1910 on Friday night will feature a variety of foods. The main dish will be provided for those coming by car. There will be plenty of extra for a small donation. Others can bring any side dish (salad, dessert, bread, etc.) and beverage they wish. Buffet lunch on Saturday will be provided at a modest cost. Refreshing bread baked from our local bakery will follow. Saturday evening a banquet will be at the famous Saxon Courthouse, where we will have a private room to enjoy three copious homemade entrees. Wine should be brought by those who wish it. We will have an exciting talk on "Adaptation and Relationships in Learning Banding" by Tom Leavelly of Baldhead Institute. An entertaining speaker, Tom is a very active bander in Humboldt County, a former WBA bander, and he holds several traps a year to the sea of Cortez, the Galapagos, South America, and elsewhere.

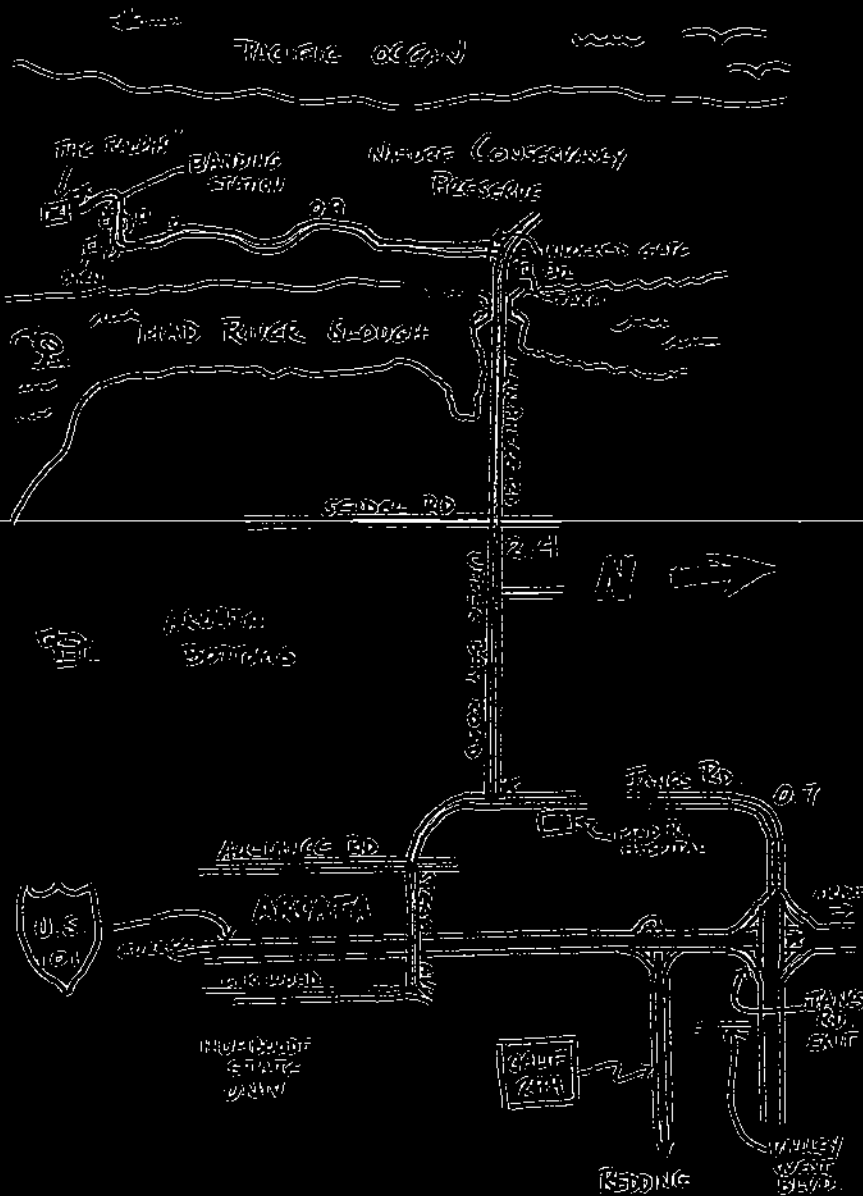
Accommodation. - Participants may set up tents or travel trailers on the Riebel's grounds, spread their sleeping bags in the barn, or partition the hotel motel. If making away, Humboldt Lodging, at the Riebel's property will include a portable toilet, outdoor table, an accessible field bath in the Riebel's house, and a main bath in the barn. For travel reservations contact: North Coast Inn, 4975 Valley West Blvd., Arcata CA 95521 (707-822-4861) (819-63), Motel 6 at 4755 Valley West Blvd. (822-7961) (824-32), or Super 8 Motel, 4887 Valley West Blvd. (822-8888) (831-19). Mention that you are with WBA and ask for the commercial rate. There are five small restaurants and a shopping center next to the motel.

Weather. - In fall daytime temperatures are usually 50-60°. Rainfall to the high 40's during the night. Days are usually sunny and often windy, but sometimes foggy. Rain is possible, though unlikely.

**Directions** --United and American Airlines fly to the Arcata/Butte airport, 8 miles north of Arcata. Major rental cars are available there. By road, take the Jones Road East north of Arcata, off US 101, as shown on the attached map.



Map to the Ralphs' property:



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, October 8**  
 1-09-7:40 p.m. Registration  
 4-05-6:40 p.m. WBBB Board Meeting  
 6-00-7:00 p.m. Pot Luck BBQ and Clean Bikes  
 7-38-10:00 p.m. Informal and registration.

**Saturday, October 9**  
 7-00-9:30 a.m. Banding and registration.  
 9-30-11:30 a.m. Workshops to include:  
 -Raptor banding techniques  
 -Banding, trapping, and genetic research  
 -Raptor migration monitoring  
 -Identification of eggs and setting banding traps  
 -Computerized banding system -- a display  
 -Interactive work on "Banding" and more.  
 Etc., etc.  
 11-30-12:00 p.m. After Business Meeting.  
 12-00-1:30 p.m. Buffet lunch.  
 1-30-5:00 p.m. Field session.  
 6-30-10:00 p.m. Banquet at Salmon Conference.

**Sunday, October 10**  
 8-00-11:00. Banding and field ecology.  
 We will see and discuss the birds at the field sites in the Nature Conservancy Preserve around the forest, creating a beautiful array of bird migration in their wake.

8:00 p.m. Wetlands and woodlands of Humboldt  
 This trip will include the extensive Marsh restoration project with a multitude of water birds, and the rocky shores and spring ponds of spectacular Panther's Point State Park.

7-45 p.m. Redwood Trip to Red River Canyon.  
 This special trip from Humboldt Bay to the Red River Canyon, 10-15 miles offshore, will provide some extraordinary wildlife birds. Cross the Treckley Island Marine between Sear's and Butte at 7-45 p.m. Plan to return to your destination 3-4 p.m. The Redwood is a 50-foot custom motor especially designed for keeping customers comfortable, providing outstanding views and freedom. The cost is \$35, payable on a first-come first served basis, and money for Biological Journeys 1876 Green Drive, Ukiah, CA 95520.

For more information, contact:  
 C. John Ralph, Redwood Sciences Laboratory,  
 1700 Bayview Drive,  
 Arcata, California 95521  
 Phone: 707 822-2015 (home) or 822-3691 (office)

Note: These field trips may be repeated on Monday, Columbia Day, if requested by sufficient people.