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## SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

With Volume 15, *Bird Observer* appears in new plumage. Our new cover, which will feature a different picture each issue, and our new format and type are the direct result of the very generous contributions from our subscribers generated by our fund-raiser in February just a year ago. The funds were used to purchase a Compaq DeskPro and Microsoft Word software for word processing. To produce this first issue of Volume 15, we have borrowed an Apple LaserWriter.

A new cover for *Bird Observer* has been planned for several years, and the support you demonstrated at the time of the fund-raiser provided the impetus and inspiration for us to take this step forward. It has taken some courage and a great deal of hard work by the *Bird Observer* staff to implement these changes, and we sincerely hope you like our new look.

*Bird Observer* is subscriber-supported and staffed entirely by volunteers. We think we have a good publication that is steadily getting better. We cannot survive without your support and approval, and our high level of subscription renewal indicates that we have it.

So we wish to extend to you, our subscribers and contributors, a sincere and heartfelt thank you. We are very grateful.