

Summary of Facebook postings by Berkeley Karuk group, March 8-14, 2015

March 8 (Andrew)

Vina upiip:

atipimámvaan • buzzard

(made up of:

atípiima = carrion

amvaan = eater, one who eats)

Comments

Long vowel fun! The long vowel in *atípiima* gets shortened in a compound, but the "a" at the end of that word combines with the "a" at the beginning of *amvaan* to create a new long vowel.

March 9 (Line)

Shan Davis upiip:

takâakaa • Valley Quail

Here the dictionary has a note saying that this word imitates the call of the quail.

March 10 (Andrew)

thufkírík • great horned owl

Comments

And *chufkíníkich* "flamulated owl" is literally "little *thufkírík*": with the diminutive suffix *-ich*, the *th* becomes *ch* and the *r* becomes *n*.

March 11 (Line)

Shan Davis upiip:

chiipákpaak • robin

There are two other words for robin in the dictionary:

kusripish'ámvaan which means 'madrone berry eater'

vasitpumxaráhaasar which means 'wearing a thick blanket'

March 12 (Andrew)

kachakâach • bluejay

with recordings by Bud Johnson and Shan Davis

and another word for bluejay is *ansáfriik va'áraar*, which means "Weitchpec person"!

March 13 (Line)

xanpuchíniishveenach • hummingbird

March 14 (Andrew)

kahtíshraam • Yreka (or Shasta Valley)

kah = upriver

tíshraam = valley or prairie

Comments

Other place names that contain the element *tíshraam* include *athithuftíshraam* (near Happy Camp) and *samnanaktíshraam* (Forks of Salmon valley).