

May 2012

# Birding Observer



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Five Valleys Audubon Society, a Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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## Calendar

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- \* **Saturday, May 5, 2012:** All-day field trip to Brown's Lake led by Jim Brown. Meet in the middle of the UM field house parking lot at 8:00 AM.
- \* **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Paul Loehnen will host the May board meeting.
- \* **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:30pm:** Bird Party at Fort Missoula Native Plant Garden, in partnership with the University of Montana and the Montana Natural History Center. Family-friendly activities include basic bird walks, optics information, games, food and more! Contact Rebecca Sills for more information: 406-546-9658 or rsills@audubon.org.
- \* **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm:** Donna Love will give a presentation on loons.
- \* **Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Submission deadline for the June edition of the *Birding Observer*.
- \* **May 19-20, 2012:** Two-day field trip to Freezout Lake. See write-up on page four.
- \* **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Beginning birdwalk at Lee Metcalf NWR from 10am-Noon. Meet the field trip leader at the Refuge Visitor's Center. Learn basic skills for bird identification, including use of binoculars and field guides, key field marks, and much more. Families with children and birders of all levels are welcome!
- \* **Saturday, May 26, 2012:** All-day field trip to the Bandy Ranch in the Ovando Valley. Meet in the middle of the UM field house parking lot at 8:00 AM.
- \* **June 16-17, 2012:** Two-Day Field Trip to Bannack/Clark Canyon. See write-up on page four.
- \* **June 23, 2012:** Field trip to Seeley Lake to view loons. Details will be in the June newsletter.



## Montana's Common Loons

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At our May program meeting, on **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Montana Loon Society's Donna Love will discuss Montana's loon population, as well as display the Montana Loon Society's educational trunk. The presentation is the lead-in to our field trip on Saturday, June 23 to view loons and loon lakes in the Seeley Lake drainage. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Business Building, room L14 on the University of Montana campus.

Donna's interest in loons began in 1996 when she and her husband, Tim, moved to Seeley Lake. Soon after, while watching a pair of loons nest in the lake's backwaters she met Lynn Kelly, president of the Montana Loon Society, and began learning about loons. Donna has now been the Montana Loon Society secretary for 14 years.

In 2003, Donna published *Loons, Diving Birds of the North*, a factual, fun-filled introduction to loons, ancient birds that have inhabited our planet's northern waters since the time the dinosaurs died out. This book has been followed by seven more nature books for young readers. She regularly brings her interactive natural history and art programs to grade schools and public events in Montana and the Pacific Northwest.

Following Donna's presentation, Ben Turnock, recipient of a 2011 Philip L. Wright research award, will tell us what he learned about the effectiveness of loon decoys and calls in attracting Common Loons to unoccupied lakes. He has graduated from UM, but will return to report his results.

**Major Bird Festivals in Israel:** In March, I had the good fortune to spend a week at the 6<sup>th</sup> Eilat Birds Festival. Eilat is the southernmost city in Israel, and is both a port and resort town. It is located in the southern Negev Desert, at the north end of the Gulf of Aqaba, which becomes the Red Sea. Three continents intersect at Israel, providing a land bridge for migrating birds from Europe and western Asia as they fly south to Africa in the winter, and return north in the spring. The Great Rift Valley of eastern Africa continues through Israel up to northern Syria and into Turkey, and is the major migration corridor for some species, while other species may follow the Mediterranean coastline. Eilat is a magnet for migrating birds particularly in the spring, a place where they can rest and feed after crossing the Sahara Desert. The Hula Valley, in Israel's North, is noted for the 90,000 Common Cranes that pass over the area, of which 30,000 remain all winter. The entire European population of White Pelican refuels in this area, and then continues on to Sudan. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hula Valley Bird Festival will be held in November 2012. Pete Dunne (well known birder and author, and director of the Cape May Bird Observatory) shares his experience at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hula Valley Bird Festival 2011 in the April 2012 issue of BirdWatching Magazine. 500 million birds migrate through Israel twice a year, involving about 300 species. Over 200 species breed in Israel. About 540 species have been documented in Israel. . Most of these birds are not seen in the New World, but a few are known to us, e.g. Osprey , Short- eared Owl, Long-eared Owl Barn Owl, Northern Pintail, Eurasian Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler. There are 91 resident species that do not migrate, including the magnificent Griffon Vulture, the Palestine Sunbird, and the Spectacled Bulbul. 72 species that breed in Israel during the summer but migrate south to Africa in the fall include the Cuckoo, the Egyptian Vulture, the Short- toed Snake-eagle, and the Lesser Kestrel. 94 winter visitor species that leave in March include the Grey Heron, the Black Kite, Common Crane, and various ducks. Huge numbers of soaring migrants include 850,000 Honey Buzzards; 500,000 Steppe Buzzards; 500,000 White Storks; 80,000 White Pelicans, and more, pass in migration over Israel twice a year.



**The Hoopoe:** Needless to say, I encountered at least a couple hundred life birds in Israel. One that became my overall favorite is the Hoopoe, a strikingly beautiful and unusual medium-sized bird with an erectile crest; a long, narrow decurved bill; pinkish-brown breast, neck and head; and wide wings with broad black and white stripes. Length 9.8-12.6 inches, wingspan 17.3-19 in, weight 1.6-3.1 oz. It is known in Israel as Doukifat. Its song is oop-ooop-ooop, and its scientific name is *Upupa epops*. While Hoopoes were seen at the Eilat Bird Festival, they are found in many places in the country, and I first saw them further north.

Hoopoes are listed in the Order Coraciiformes, which also includes bee-eaters, kingfishers, rollers, and woodhoopoes. Family Upupidae, Genus *Upupa*, Species *U.epops*. 9 subspecies are recognized, and 2 others proposed. Differences are minimal. Males and females are similar in appearance, with females being somewhat paler, and males being larger. In 2008, the Hoopoe was elected the National Bird of Israel, voted on by 155,000 people including school children. News articles commented on the fact that Israel had selected a non-kosher bird. The Hoopoe is cited in the Old Testament as unclean and not to be eaten, along with vultures, owls, and other birds of prey. The Hoopoe is also cited in the Quran as consultant and messenger to King Solomon, particularly in regard to inviting the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon's palace.

Hoopoes live in a wide range of habitats, and prefer open territories, including grasslands, dry savannas, and woodlands, pastures, gardens, and urban areas. They tend to not live in dense forests and deserts. The Hoopoe is primarily an insectivore, and is frequently seen probing the ground with its long curved bill, searching for insects, beetles and grubs. Their facial muscles allow them to open their bill while probing the ground. They may also eat frogs and small reptiles, berries and seeds. Hoopoes are widespread, living in Europe, the Middle East, North and Sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, India, Pakistan, and China. A small number occur in Britain each year. Only one has been reported in the New World, seen in Alaska in 1975. The more northern populations of Hoopoes are migratory. Their non-migratory flight is described as butterfly-like.

However they are capable of rapidly flying vertically and escaping predatory raptors. They have been recorded at 21,000 feet in the Himalayas.

Hoopoes are seasonally monogamous cavity nesters, utilizing tree holes, or wall cavities. The female lays 5-12 bluish eggs, and incubates them for 15-19 days during which time she is fed by the male. Both parents feed the chicks. Fledging occurs at 26-29 days after hatching, and the chicks remain with the parents another week.

Hoopoe nests are notorious for a very foul odor, considered to assist in defending against predators. The odor is attributed to the production of a foul smelling liquid by the incubating female's and nestlings' uropygial glands. Nestlings also hiss at intruders, and at 6 days after hatching, the nestlings are also able to direct streams of feces at nest intruders. Feces reportedly are not removed from the nest.

The Hoopoe total population worldwide is large, estimated at 5 million birds. There appears to be a significant decline in the breeding populations of the Hoopoe, and also the Wryneck, another ground-foraging migratory cavity nester, in some European areas such as Switzerland, prompting both research and a conservation program in Switzerland regarding this decline. The issue of pesticide and weedicide use poisoning the ground and slowly poisoning the hoopoes has been raised in India. At this time, the Hoopoe is considered a species of least concern in general, although it is one of the most endangered bird species in Central Europe.



**Jim Brown**

## **Board Highlights**

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- We have vacancies for Vice President and Secretary.
- We are looking a newsletter distribution person, as Shirley Holden has her hands full and wishes to pass this job along to someone else.
- We formed a Governance and Nominating Committee to seek candidates for our vacancies, and to review the timing of elections. The committee consists of Pat Little, Betsy Griffing, and Jim Brown. Please suggest nominations to any committee member.
- Terry McEneaney participated in the Rattlesnake Bear Action Planning Workshop and he will be leading a team of volunteers to encourage the neighbors to feed birds in ways that don't get bears into trouble.
- We submitted comments on the Lee Metcalf NWR plan, encouraging FWS to retain varied habitat; place any additional development outside the refuge boundary; and provide a group viewing blind.

## **Meet the Board**

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Jim Brown grew up in Kansas, New Mexico, Utah and Minnesota. He graduated from U of MN, then went on to Yale and ended up with a PhD from U of MI. He married his high school sweetheart Sue in 1960, and this fall three of their four grandkids will be at U of MT. His career in the Forest Service, specializing in wildland fire science, brought him to Missoula in 1965.

He got interested in birds as a sophomore in high school when he crossed paths with a white-breasted nuthatch. In 1976 Jim was one of the folks that started the Five Valleys Audubon Society, and he has been a board member, on and off, ever since. He was President of the Chapter for a number of years starting in 1997 and President of Montana Audubon for two terms. Currently he serves as the chair of our Habitat Protection and Restoration committee.

Jim is an advocate for wetlands, and in 2002 he started the bird surveys that led to the designation of our local Clark Fork River – Grass Valley Important Bird Area. He is also on the board of the Five Valleys Land Trust, and has been instrumental in getting conservation easements on properties in the IBA. Jim also loves to hunt, and he especially likes to train Labrador Retrievers.

## Upcoming Field Trips by Larry Weeks

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**Two-Day Field Trip to Freezout Lake:** The 2-day field trip to Freezout Lake and the Rocky Mountain Front has been scheduled for **May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** and it will be led by Joe Elliott. The plan is to meet at the Park & Ride on East Broadway at 7:00 AM on May 19<sup>th</sup> and drive to Freezout Lake. The group will bird Freezout on Saturday and the Rocky Mountain Front on Sunday. You will spend the night in Choteau and the only motel option left is the Gunther Motel (406-466-5444). The Stage Stop Inn, the Bella Vista and the Big Sky Motel are all full. If the Gunther Motel doesn't work, there is the Fairfield Park Inn (1-800-844-0892) or the Super 8 Conrad (1-406-278-7676). Participants are asked to make reservations in advance. Please call Joe Elliott at 542-5014 if you wish to attend and he will coordinate car-pooling. Joe is staying at the Bella Vista. There is a \$10 charge per individual on multi-day field trips.

**Two-Day Field Trip to Bannack/Clark Canyon:** A 2-day field trip to Bannack & Clark Canyon has been scheduled for **June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** which will be led by Cynthia Hudson and Nate Kohler. Cynthia will leave Missoula at 7:30 AM on the 16<sup>th</sup> and will meet Nate in Melrose at 10:00 AM. Cynthia and Nate will bird the area around Melrose and end up in Dillon. The group will be staying overnight in Dillon at the Best Western Paradise Inn, 650 No. Montana St. (1-406-683-4214). Participants will need to make their reservations in advance and can stay at another motel if they choose. On Sunday, the tour will go to Bannack and end up at Clark Canyon Reservoir. Contact Cynthia at 722-0016 to sign up and to facilitate car-pooling. There is a \$10 charge per individual on multi-day field trips.



## March Field Trip by Larry Weeks

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**Saturday, March 24, 2012:** Fifteen people joined Terry McEaney for a tour of the Lee Metcalf NWR. The weather was clear and cool when the group left Missoula but we ran into fog at the Refuge. As we exited the vehicles, we were greeted with the prehistoric call of the sandhill crane. While we waited at the Visitor's Center for the fog to lift, we scoped Ponds 5 and 6 for the birds that were visible. These included a good variety of ducks and 3 trumpeter swans. Terry pointed out that the bobbing of heads is a characteristic of the trumpeter swans. Bob Danley showed us a California quail that has been hanging around the Visitor's Center. We also had an American tree sparrow in the shrubs next to the building. As the fog began to lift, we had a fly-by of 7 trumpeter swans. We then hiked the Kenai Trail where we saw northern harrier, belted kingfisher, more trumpeter swans, sandhill cranes, tree swallows flying over Pond 10, and an American goldfinch. When we returned to the Visitor's Center, the Welcome Back Waterfowl celebration was in progress and a representative from KPAX interviewed several people including Terry. After lunch, we drove to the Wildlife Viewing Area which was interrupted by a raptor migration. As many as ten raptors were visible overhead at any one time as they rode the thermals up and then glided north. The raptors included mostly red-tailed hawks, a few rough-legged hawks, turkey vultures, northern harriers, golden eagles, and at least one bald eagle. Approximately 75 raptors were involved. The hike to the picnic shelter produced all 3 species of nuthatches and a western bluebird. Total species for the trip was 46.

### Sandhill Crane Facts

- A fossil from the Miocene Epoch, approx. ten million years ago, was found to be structurally identical to the modern Sandhill Crane.
- More than three-fourths of all Sandhill Cranes use the same 75-miles stretch along Nebraska's Platte River for migratory staging.
- A group of cranes can be called a "swoop", "construction", "sedge" and "siege".

## Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Awards

By Bill Gabriel

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The Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Awards are offered as a means of giving younger and less experienced students a way to get started in field research. The awards committee received eleven proposals in 2012. Six University of Montana undergraduates and five graduate students proposed studies of birds (6), reptiles (1), fish (1), insects (1), and habitat (2). We made the following awards:

- Zoe Glas, a junior, \$1,180 to study Mountain Plover nest attendance habits in Colorado.
- Matthew M. Henderson, a senior, \$550 to study development along the Bitterroot River and its effects on frequency of nest predation of Lewis's Woodpeckers.
- Kyle Van Atta, a junior, \$350 to study the effects of physical environment on host finding by the insect parasitoid *Trichoramma deion*.

In accordance with established tradition, the recipients will report how they used the grants and the results of their investigations at a Five Valleys Audubon meeting early in 2013.

In the 26-year history of these research grants, Five Valleys Audubon has awarded \$25,667.50 to 59 recipients. Awards have averaged \$435 and subjects studied have varied across the natural realm: birds (25), plants/habitat (11), mammals (9), reptiles/amphibians (7), insects (6), fish (2).



## Five Valleys Audubon Society is looking for volunteers!

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Get involved as a volunteer – start by completing our general interest questionnaire at [tinyurl.com/75n6n7j](http://tinyurl.com/75n6n7j). We will follow up with you about volunteering for specific events or activities.

Upcoming opportunities:

- May 10 - Fort Missoula Bird Party (5:30 - 7:30 pm; bring food, manage kids' activities, answer bird questions, or lead short birding trips to the river)
- May 12 - International Migratory Bird Day (activities TBD)
- May 18 - Endangered Species Day (activities TBD)
- May-October - Fort Missoula prairie restoration and birding trail (design and build interpretive signage, create snags and other habitat, remove invasive weeds, propagate and plant native plants)
- Date TBD - building an osprey platform (carpentry skills desired, but not necessary)
- mid-May through July - Lewis's Woodpecker nest site monitoring (volunteer for as few or as many hours as you like)
- May through July - various bird surveys in the Missoula and Nine mile Valleys

If you would like to participate in the bird surveys, please also complete our online questionnaire at [tinyurl.com/8xwh27o](http://tinyurl.com/8xwh27o) (beginner birders are welcome)

For questions about any of the upcoming opportunities, please contact Rebecca Sills at [rsills@audubon.org](mailto:rsills@audubon.org) or 546-9658.

For questions about the bird surveys, please contact Jim Brown at [brownjs2@bresnan.net](mailto:brownjs2@bresnan.net) or 549-8052.

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Also, the Swan Ecosystem Center is looking for volunteers to help with waterfowl surveys on the Swan River during May and June. If you are interested, please contact Scott Eggeman at 531-6759 or [scott1.eggeman@umconnect.umt.edu](mailto:scott1.eggeman@umconnect.umt.edu).

**Wings Across the Big Sky**  
**June 8–10, 2012, Kalispell, Montana**



**Have you registered yet?**

Now is the time to register for Wings Across the Big Sky in Kalispell (June 8–10) before field trips fill up ... See [www.mtaudubon.org/birdwatching/festival.html](http://www.mtaudubon.org/birdwatching/festival.html) for the bird-fest lowdown including the link to register online or to download the mail-in form.

Remember: This is a family-friendly event so bring your children or grandchildren—no cost for their registration! Contact Larissa at 406-443-3949 if you have any questions.

**Why Yes, We Gladly Welcome Bird Festival Volunteers ...**

If you are interested in volunteering at the festival please contact Kay Mitchell at [kbmitch@centurytel.net](mailto:kbmitch@centurytel.net). We offer volunteers wishing to go on field trips a discount on registration. We appreciate everyone's part in making this a fun and meaningful experience for all! As always, thanks for your support.

**Call for Montana Audubon Award Nominations!**

We are now seeking nominations for 4 awards that will be given away at the annual meeting in Kalispell. The awards acknowledge individuals who exemplify a commitment to conserving birds, other wildlife, and their habitat. The awards will be given for Conservationist of the Year, Environmental Educator of the Year, Special Achievement, and Lifetime Achievement.

To nominate your candidate, please call the Montana Audubon office to request an award nomination form or download the form from our website: [www.mtaudubon.org/about/awards.html](http://www.mtaudubon.org/about/awards.html). To be considered for this year's award nominations and all supporting material must be postmarked no later than May 23, 2012. Nominations should be sent to Montana Audubon, PO Box 595, Helena, MT 59624, or by fax: (406) 443-7144. The award ceremony will take place on June 9th at Montana Audubon's Bird Festival in Kalispell. Questions? Contact Janet Ellis (406-443-3949 or [jellis@mtaudubon.org](mailto:jellis@mtaudubon.org)).

**NEWS FLASH: Marina Skumanich—National Audubon's Regional Representative for Montana—is coming to the Bird Festival!**

Marina Skumanich, National Audubon Society's (NAS) "Regional Representative" on the National Audubon Board for the region that includes Montana, will be at this year's Bird Festival in Kalispell June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday & Friday). Marina has signed up for one of the pre-festival conservation workshops on Friday, and she will also lead the discussion at the Chapter Forum on Friday afternoon. Discussion topics for the Forum will likely include: 1) New NAS strategic direction with flyway structure and one-Audubon commitment; 2) Chapter issues in relation to NAS— some of the things the Regional Directors (who are tasked to represent the chapter perspective on the Board) are working on; and 3) NAS efforts on conservation issues of particular interest to MT chapters and MT Audubon (e.g., IBAs, climate change, etc.). EVERYONE is welcome to join us for the Chapter Forum and the discussion with Marina, scheduled to start at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Carpooling to Kalispell Festival**

In an effort to reduce the carbon emissions and other good reasons, Montana Audubon is encouraging car pooling to the festival in June in Kalispell. So anyone wishing a ride to the festival OR anyone wishing to transport people to the festival can contact Jerry Dirnberger: either at [dirnberger@aol.com](mailto:dirnberger@aol.com) or 542-7043. He will coordinate the requests.

**Welcome New Members:**

Larry Ficks  
Bethany Leeming  
Charlene Frojen  
Marjorie Rothermel  
Lucas A. Jones  
James Rupp

**Thanks to our Returning Members:**

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\$15 is enclosed for Chapter-only membership

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