

Mission: Building on the tradition of special interest in birds, Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society is organized to promote enjoyment and protection of birds and their habitats.

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CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 21, AT 7:15PM “PHOTOGRAPHIC ADVENTURES IN BIRDING”



Pair of Barrow's goldeneye at WJH Resources



Hooded merganser at WJH Resources

Many of our members have asked for an evening dedicated to showcasing birding vacations, highlights of local trips, and amusing bird photos. The Chapter meeting of April 21st will feature YVAS members and the public sharing birding photos and stories with each other. Collectively we have hundreds of years of birding experience to share, and inspire the audience to get out on field trips. Members have gone on birding trips in Europe, the Galapagos, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Tibet, Nepal, and South America, as well as in Montana and neighboring states. Therefore we encourage you to sit down at your computer and select up to 20 of your original birding photographs. Please bring the photographs on a flash drive, along with a few sentences describing the bird, the experience, or the photographic technique used to capture the image. YVAS is also encouraging the public to get involved by sharing local birding photos to improve local bird identification. If you plan to participate, call George Mowat at 656-7467 or Sheila McKay at 652-7175 before the morning of April 18th, so they can plan the program order and time allowance for each person presenting. George has graciously agreed to help moderate the evening and to show some of his own bird photography. If for some reason you plan on presenting, then cannot make the meeting, be sure to call and cancel. YVAS is excited to see everyone's birding adventures and launch the 2014 birding season! Thank You!

YVAS MEETINGS

All YVAS Meetings are at Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Rehberg Lane and Poly Drive, Billings, MT unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome, there is no admission fee and ample free parking is available.

Monday, April 14, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 21, 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

We will hold a YVAS fundraiser dinner at 5:45, before the membership meeting. Dinner donation: \$6. Dorothy Bartlett has generously volunteered to host. Please contact her at 252-0757, or dpadanyi@live.com before April 18 to make reservations and tell what you will bring.



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LOVELY LENOX BIRDS

YVAS has been gifted a collection of Lenox China bird figurines from the estate of Mary Sherman of Forsythe. Since we do not have a facility to display the collection, the Board is considering selling it as a fundraiser for YVAS. Secretary Dorothy Bartlett has the collection and has cataloged it. There are eighty birds, each about 4-5 inches tall. They are made by Lenox China, beautifully painted and in excellent condition. Dorothy has also spent some time trying to establish a value for them by researching on eBay and Amazon, as well as the Lenox website.

There are a couple of questions for our membership to consider. First of all, is there anyone who is interested in purchasing the entire collection? The Board did not want to make arrangements for selling the collection until we have feedback from our members. Secondly,

if anyone has expertise or thoughts about selling collectibles, that would be helpful also. Please contact Dorothy with any suggestions at dpadanyi@live.com or 252-0757.

YVAS has been privileged over the years to have skilled and dedicated volunteers who carry out projects that are essential to the mission of the organization. Audubon Adventures is National Audubon's award-winning environmental education program, which has been implemented in classrooms and after-school programs across the country. Jeannette Davis has tirelessly served YVAS as the chairperson for Audubon Adventures. After working with educators in the Billings area for 2 decades, Jeannette has decided to pass the torch to another YVAS member who would be interested in carrying on this valuable community program. Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if you would be interested in more information about chairing or co-chairing the Audubon Adventures Program.

THANK
YOU

YVAS also wants to thank Tom Lyman for his behind-the-scenes work as our webmaster for the past five years. As a field engineer, Tom traveled frequently and he traveled far and wide, but he always found a way to manage the YVAS website, occasionally from as far away as China. Tom brought YVAS into the 21st century with his technical skills and generous gift of time. He recently worked to transfer data from the old YVAS website to the new website developer 'Skypoint'. YVAS is forever grateful to Tom, and is hoping a Chapter member will volunteer to help maintain the new website. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in supporting the new website.

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Meetings are held September through May at Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Poly and Rehberg, Billings, MT:

- Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Board Meetings are open to the entire membership.
- General Chapter Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to the public.

CONSERVATION NEWS

IT'S UP!



On March 21, in the snow of course, Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative (YVEC) installed the new pole and platform at the Laurel Osprey Outpost along Highway 212, to replace the nest built atop a live power pole which was toppled by winds last year. Deb and Steve Regele were there to take pictures and to attach some large sticks to the platform. Now we all hope that a pair of osprey take to the new house this first year! YVAS donated \$700, and the Yellowstone River Research Center at Rocky Mountain College \$500, to cover the cost of the pole and nesting platform, while the Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative donated equipment and employee time. Many thanks to YVAS members who made donations to the Osprey Fund, to Richard and Jene Bell (property owners), and to YVEC, including Jerry Ellis, Greg Troutman, Braden DeVries, Jared Haworth, and Heath Heigies. Thank you to Deb Regele

CLARKS FORK WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA TRAIL

In January 2014 YVAS received \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor through the "Network for Good" organization. The YVAS Board of Directors voted to dedicate the money to improving the trail into the Clarks Fork Waterfowl Production Area (CFWPA), which is located about 1 mile northeast of Bridger, MT, along the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.

This is an important waterfowl and other bird use area under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and has great birding and recreational opportunity. The trail into the site has been subject to swamping that really limits accessibility and now can be rehabilitated to allow four-season foot travel access. YVAS is partnering with the USFWS and collaborating with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and possibly others, to carry out this work. The groups also plan to develop and implement ideas for other enhancements at the site, such as reducing the cattail cover and increasing open water available to a variety of bird species.

YVAS is grateful for this generous gift which enables us to work with the USFWS to make the CFWPA more accessible to YVAS birders and other recreationists. The collaborative project is also an opportunity for the groups to engage and facilitate future efforts to enhance and appreciate other Waterfowl Production Areas and Waterfowl Management Areas under the management of the USFWS. Thank you to Steve Regele

TEXAS OIL SPILL



The latest news from Texas is not good. National Audubon (NA) reports that thousands of migrating shorebirds could be in grave danger because of a new oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. A barge containing a million gallons of heavy, toxic fuel collided with another vessel in Galveston Bay on March 22. As much as 168,000 gallons of oil has already been released into the water. The slick caused by the toxic spill near Galveston is drifting toward Chester's Island, a critical bird habitat in Matagorda Bay. The island hosts tens of thousands of breeding waterbirds each year. Coming at the height of spring migration, the timing of the spill could not be worse. It took place near the globally important Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, a critical wintering and stopover habitat for as many as 70,000 migratory shorebirds. The flats host congregations of Piping, Snowy and Wilson's plovers and

other shorebirds, including Long-billed Curlew and Red Knots. Oiled birds are already being found. One bit of encouraging news -- this crisis would have been even worse had it not been for years of conservation efforts in this ecologically fragile and important area. National Audubon has been active on the ground here for decades. NA will continue habitat conservation work long after the spill is gone. Abstracted from audubonconnect@audubon.org.

DUCK DAY: BIRDING TRIP TO WJH BIRD RESOURCES



Duck Day at WJH Photo by Will Crain



Duck Day at WJH Photo by Will Crain

On March 22, around 20 hardy birders met at Wagner Pitt Ponds, south of WJH on 52nd Street W, to participate in "Duck Day". The weather was 20 degrees, without factoring in wind chill. Younger members of the group took a shorter tour and spent time inside, holding captive birds, coloring duck sheets, and learning to identify teal, pintail, shoveler, and merganser. There were eight baby mallards just waiting to play and be cuddled. George Mowat of YVAS, assisted by Jacob Meisner from WJH, began the adult tour by exploring the wetlands. They saw a red-tailed hawk, a juvenile bald eagle, eight goldeneye on the wetland, one goldeneye hen on the WJH swan pen pond, a pintail, and a pair of northern shoveler.

Sheila McKay led another group that observed ducks inside, hoping the weather would warm up. One area of the indoor ponds was arranged for teal and stiff-tail, another for swan, another for divers. Teal at WJH include green-winged, blue-winged, and cinnamon. A fine white head-line on blue-winged teal drakes appears during nuptial plumage, and the blue-winged hens have a dark line through their eyes that the very similar cinnamon teal hens lack. Exotic teal at WJH include ring and baikal. The rare laysan teal will be added later this year. Sheila McKay explained that teal, as a group, represent species that many conservation groups are concerned about and many aviculturists are working to repopulate.

Will Crain's granddaughters prepared shrimp and fish for the sea ducks/merganser and greens for the grazers. Armed with food, Sheila's group braved the cold to observe diet habits in the duck yard. Three common eider hens have recently been added to the group. They played with their food and demonstrated the eider mating call which is a murmur, followed by a distinct meow.

Dave Pauli spoke to the groups about the joint projects WJH and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) are working on. He introduced Ruffles, a rescue turtle, and the topic of voluntary turn-in of exotic turtles, and entertained at lunch with amazing and amusing bird rescue stories. Helen Carlson Cummins' recent donation of a van was celebrated by all. The van has already been used to save the lives of five birds, and it allowed the entire WJH staff to participate in a swan rescue. The ability to use one vehicle to transport staff and large birds enhances the learning experience of the next generation of bird rehabbers. WJH is happy to host similar events in the future. Throughout the year, different seasons bring a different experience.

All the participants wish to thank Sheila McKay and the WJH staff for a great (despite cold weather) day, the opportunity to learn more about, and to see up close, some splendid waterfowl and other birds. Sheila also provided a very nice and much appreciated lunch. Thanks too to Dave Pauli for his (as always) educational, thoughtful, and fun presentations about animal life and human interaction with animals. WJH welcomes visitors to make appointments by calling 652-7175.

FREEZEOUT LAKE



Snow geese leaving the barley fields Photo by Jim Wiggins

On Friday, March 21, a hardy group of four braved the elements to visit Freezeout Lake Wildlife Management Area, where the lesser snow geese and Ross' geese were even harder. Even though there was little open water, the geese found places on the lake. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has estimated 100,000 as the peak number of birds seen at this time of year, and we had to agree that it was at least that many. They arrive at Freezeout after a non stop flight of about 600 miles in 15-18 hours from their winter grounds in California. Their

comings and goings from the protection of lake to the surrounding nutritious barley fields created such a blizzard of white feathers that it was difficult to distinguish the lesser snow goose from the Ross'. The geese spend an average of four days on the lake,

and they feed twice a day to replenish fat to continue their journey to the arctic nesting habitats, as far away as Wrangel Island, Russia; when nesting they do not eat for more than 3 weeks while the eggs incubate. Snow and Ross' geese mate for life but if one dies, the survivor may form a new pair bond. Tundra swans were also in residence on the lake, with about 100 of them grouped at the south end. The tundra swans were also seen in abundance at Benton Lake Wildlife Refuge, northeast of Freezeout. Excerpted from "When the Geese Come" by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Nancy Wiggins



MIGRATION You think your morning commute's a beast? Try traversing the continent twice a year ... under your own steam. Billions of birds do just that, migrating between warm winter climes and breeding grounds, often in the far North. And thanks to a growing human footprint, migratory birds face unprecedented threats with every journey. That's why providing migratory birds with safer passage remains a top Audubon priority.

Migration by the Numbers

At least 40 percent of all bird species are migratory. In North America more than 300 bird species migrate. Here are just a few amazing facts about the planet's migratory marvels:

- High flyers: Bar-headed geese routinely traverse the Indian Himalayas, reaching altitudes of nearly 30,000 feet.
- Far flyers: Arctic Terns are the globetrotting champs. Their annual round-trip transit amounts to nearly 50,000 miles per year.
- Fast flyers: Great Snipes routinely maintain speeds of 60 mph or more on their 4200-mile migrations. And that's without tailwinds.
- Tireless flyers: the Bar-tailed Godwit exhibits world spanning feats of non-stop flight, able to cover 7,000 miles across the central Pacific without food or rest.
- Fat flyers: feats of migration take a lot of calories, and birds often gorge themselves in preparation for the journey. Blackpoll Warblers, for instance, nearly double their body weight before embarking on their nonstop 2300-mile trip.

Navigating a Gauntlet of Death

Migrating birds face a host of natural dangers. Many die along the way. And ever-greater numbers are succumbing to unnatural dangers as well - habitat loss, tall buildings, pollution and climate change. For instance, in this country alone, window strikes are estimated to kill upwards of a billion birds every year. Abstracted from audubonconnect@audubon.org.



NESTING MATERIALS The weather is giving us all kinds of opportunities to stay home. Take advantage of all the following indoor birding!

BOOKS

Why We Bird organizes a lifetime of birding experiences into seven reasons why we bird: Flight, Song, Color; Identifications; Games; Surprises; Conservation; Stories; and Solace. *Why We Bird* is a collection of stories: birding with a friend after he gets dementia; telling a grandson about owls; analyzing a great misidentification; listening to cranes; chasing rare birds, pelagic birds, and life birds; canoeing on Christ-

<http://www.cornell.edu/whywebird> and <http://www.americanbirding.com/>.

Why We Bird includes the reasons bird lovers have watched, chased, or protected birds, and has an extensive reference list of birding - as opposed to bird - books. *Why We Bird* is different from these other birding books because it focuses directly on why we bird. *Why We Bird* is also a tour of many of the top birding spots in California, from Tule Lake to the Salton Sea. Available at www.audubon.org.

VIDEOS & WEBCAMS

Visit www.cornell.edu to access great birding resources for videos, webcams, ID guides—free download of MerlinID, on-line classes and more!

Visit <http://www.youtube.com/embed/88UVJpQG88> for a new view on starlings: “Dylan Winter and the Starling Murmurations. Starlings, not pests.

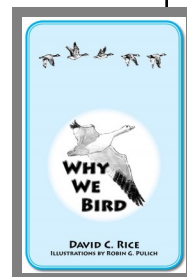
TRAVELS

Don't forget to visit www.birdingpal.org where you can find professional guides or volunteers to take you birding just about anywhere. I've used them in Hawaii and have signed up with them in France!

Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival August 13-17

The Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival celebrates the unique biodiversity of southeast Arizona with exciting educational opportunities for birders and nature enthusiasts to discover and enjoy the Sonoran Desert and Sky Islands. Registration opens March 17 and details are available at tusconaudubon.org.

Ohio Birding's “Biggest Week” May 6 -15



American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is partnering with Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) to sponsor the “Biggest Week” birding festival in northwest Ohio this May 6 – 15, www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com/. Funds raised at the festival this year will benefit ABC’s “Save the Golden-Wing” project, which will help advance habitat preservation, restoration, and education in Nicaragua, part of the wintering range of the rapidly declining Golden-winged Warbler. Now in its sixth year, the “Biggest Week” has become one of the nation’s largest birding festivals, attracting up to 75,000 people from different countries to northwest Ohio each year. The festival is based out of Maumee Bay State Park, close to excellent birding sites such as Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, and Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. Songbirds (including the federally listed Kirtland’s Warbler), shorebirds, water birds, and Bald Eagles all move through this area during their spring and fall migrations. Magee Marsh, also known to birders as Crane Creek, is a major stopover point for migrants from the tropics and is informally known as the “Warbler Capital of the World.” Registration is open at www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com/

2013 YVAS BIRDATHON *IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!*

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 AT 5 PM, TO SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT 5 PM

Pledge and Registration Forms are enclosed and may be found on the website at yvaudubon.org



Events at the Audubon Conservation Education Center
7026 South Billings Blvd, Billings, MT, 59101
406-294-5099 www.mtacec.org
Spring 2014

Friday April 11 Nature Night at the Audubon Center from 6 – 8 PM for 5 – 11 year olds. Cost is \$15/child. Drop your child off for an evening of outdoor adventures with our Teacher Naturalists. Visit www.mtacec.org to register.
Friday April 18 School Break Camp at the Audubon Center: Migration Madness - Our feathered friends are returning with the warmer weather. We’ll learn about their journey and go hiking in search of spring migrants on their way back to Billings. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, 5 – 11 year old students. Cost is \$45/day. Visit www.mtacec.org to register.
Saturday April 19 Earth Day Celebration at the Audubon Center! Free and open to all ages. Join us to plant willows, clean up the nursery, go hiking, and play games in our sixth annual celebration of spring. 9:30 AM – Noon. Rain or Shine Free BBQ for all volunteers. No registration required.
Monday April 21 School Break Camp at the Audubon Center: Rockin’ Rocks - we’ll get hands-on with real fossils and minerals as we delve into the basics of geology and learn how rocks shape our planet. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, 5 – 11 year old students. Cost is \$45/day. Visit www.mtacec.org to register.

CALL FOR MONTANA AUDUBON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Can you nominate a deserving person for Montana Audubon’s annual awards? Awards will be given for Conservationist of the Year, Environmental Educator of the Year, Special Achievement, Citizen Scientist of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award. They will be presented at our annual festival in Bozeman June 6-8, 2014.

To nominate your candidate, visit our [website](http://www.mtacec.org). To be considered for this year, nominations must be submitted by **May 23, 2014**. Nominations can be submitted by email or mailed to Montana Audubon, PO Box 595, Helena, MT 59624.

Questions? Contact [Janet Ellis](mailto:Janet.Ellis@mtacec.org) at [406-443-3949](tel:406-443-3949).

MONTANA AUDUBON'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL: IT'S BOZEMAN THIS YEAR - JUNE 6-8, 2014 AT THE GRAN TREE INN

The 2014 Festival, co-hosted by Montana Audubon and Sacajawea Audubon Society, is coming to Bozeman, the Gallatin Valley, and surrounding areas. View more at www.mtaudubon.org for details about the program and field trips.

National Audubon Society
Application for New Membership

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society. I understand that I will receive the Audubon Magazine and Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society Flyer. Make check payable to **National Audubon Society**.
*Renewals will be sent to you through National Audubon.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

One Year Membership

☐ \$20 One year new membership

Send this application and your check made out to **National Audubon Society** to:

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society
Attention: Membership Secretary
P.O. Box 1075
Billings, MT 59103-1075

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society
Application for New & Renewal Membership

Please enroll me as a supporting member of Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society. I understand I will be supporting local chapter activities and receiving the local newsletter. I will enjoy full Chapter family benefits. Make check payable to **Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society** for \$20. If applying for a new or renewing student membership, make check for \$10 and indicate academic affiliation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Do you want to receive the Flyer electronically?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Send this application and your check to:

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society
Attention: Membership Secretary
P.O. Box 1075
Billings, MT 59103-1075



WHOOPS!!

Is it time for you to become a YVAS member or renew your chapter membership?

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR FLYER. IF IT SHOWS "YVAS JAN 12" BELOW YOUR NAME, THEN YOU ARE A SUPPORTING CHAPTER MEMBER WHOSE MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED IN JANUARY 2012. IF YOU ARE NOT A SUPPORTING MEMBER OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED, HELP US OUT BY JOINING OR RENEWING NOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$20, USING THE FORM ON THE RIGHT. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS FUND THE PUBLICATION OF THE FLYER ALONG WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR CHAPTER.

Membership Information

Although the National Audubon Society gives complimentary membership in our chapter as a benefit, no dues come to us. We strongly encourage you to join YVAS as a Supporting Chapter Member, which is offered for families \$20 a year. Use the application form above to join as a Supporting Chapter Member or to renew your Chapter Membership.

1. **Moving???** Let us know as early as possible when you plan to move. The Post Office does charge us a fee for returned flyers. Include your old address as well as your new address so we can track you. You may write, call, or email the information to the Membership Secretary.
2. Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society offers Supporting Chapter student memberships for a reduced rate of \$10 a year. If you applying for a new student membership or are renewing a student membership, make sure you indicate your academic affiliation in your application. Joel Bowers, Membership Secretary



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Field Trip Calendar:

All field trips depart from Rocky Mountain College parking lot on Rimrock Road, adjacent to Billings Studio Theater, unless otherwise noted, and will be by car. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS.** All field trips are open to the public. Passengers will share gas costs with driver when car-pooling. Do make sure you check all field trips with listing in flyer each month for any changes.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRS: George and Bernie Mowat 656-7467

Apr 8	Tues	SHARP-TAILED GROUSE VIEW- ING 5 A.M. TO 10 A.M.	Jim Court and Bruce Wagge, leaders.
change Apr 19 NEW DATE	Sat	EXXON PONDS AND EMERALD HILLS. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Sack lunch. <u>One Mile Walk</u> . Ron Kuhler and George Mowat, leaders.
May 3	Sat	LAKE BASIN 8 a.m.	Sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader.
May 10	Sat	MEET AT RIVERFRONT PARK at 8 a.m. S Billings Blvd, 1st parking ar- ea on right,. Half day.	Half day. George and Bernie Mowat, leaders.
May 15	Thur	MEET AT RIVERFRONT PARK. 5:30 p.m.(See above location)	Mike Weber, leader.
May 17	Sat	STILLWATER AND WOODBINE AREAS. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Sack lunch. Ruth Vanderhorst, leader.
May 24	Sat	POMPEY'S PILLAR. 7 a.m. to early afternoon.	Sack lunch optional. Ruth Vanderhorst, leader.
May 31-June 1	Sat-Sun	BIRDATHON	Call or email Ruth at 245-5118
June 3	Tues	MEET AT PICTOGRAPH CAVE AT 5:30 pm. Exit I90 at Lockwood (#452) and turn west on to Coburn Rd.	Ruth Vanderhorst, leader

