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## Sunflower Seed Sale Alert! FAS Partners with Western Building Centers



It's once again time for Flathead Audubon's annual bird seed sale. Due to the closure of our past supplier, The Montana Sunflower Company, we have partnered with WBC (Western Building Centers), a locally-owned and operated business right here in the Flathead Valley. WBC's general manager, Doug Shanks, has generously agreed to donate a portion of the profit on every bag of sunflower seed purchased by Audubon members, family, friends, neighbors and visitors, in other words, everyone who purchases seed from WBC. The Sunflower Seed Sale starts on October 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is Flathead Audubon's major fund raiser for the year and your support is critical. Please stop into any one of WBC's five locations.

### WBC Bird Seed Locations

Kalispell – 1745 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E

Evergreen – 1019 E. Idaho St.

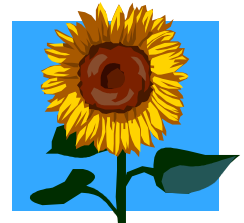
Whitefish – 6130 Hwy 93 S

Columbia Falls – 1550 9<sup>th</sup> St. West

Polson – 905 1<sup>st</sup> St. E

(Be sure to thank them for their generous sponsorship!)

From Mary Nelesen, FAS Board Member



*Aztecs worshipped sunflowers as a symbol of the sun.*

### FAS MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN OCTOBER

All FAS memberships except those submitted since April must be renewed by October 15. The October Pileated Post will be the last issue for those who do not renew. Don't miss an issue! Continue your generous support to our local chapter. You can renew at [www.flatheadaudubon.org](http://www.flatheadaudubon.org), or by sending in the form on the last page of this newsletter. If you renew using the website make sure you fill out the membership form when paying by Paypal. Thank you!

### OCTOBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

**Monday, October 8, 2007: Flathead Audubon General Meeting**, 7 PM, The Summit, Conference Room 3. Brian Peck presents "Grizzly Bear Recovery in the Northern Rockies," see page 3.

**Monday, October 1, 2007: Flathead Audubon Board of Directors Meeting**. 6 PM at 295 Third Ave East North, Kalispell (Jane Lopp & Associates Building) All are welcome.

# BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Linda de Kort

## THE SONG SPARROW, MELODIOUS AND HEARTY



As October arrives, many of the songbirds have left our valley. Some stopped for a while and raised a brood or two, some just passed through on their way to or from their breeding grounds. But there is one sparrow that will reliably stay here all year round in Western Montana, our resident Song Sparrow. Sparrows can be difficult to identify because of their general brownish color. The easi-

est way to tackle this family is to learn to identify common sparrows first. The Song Sparrow is certainly one of the most widespread of this family. Sparrows belong to the family *Emberizidae* which are characterized by their cone shaped bills for eating seeds. Sparrows originated in South America and spread first into North America before crossing into eastern Asia and westward. This could explain why there are fewer sparrow species in Europe and Africa when compared to the Americas. The *Emberizidae* family also includes the North American birds known as juncos and towhees.

The Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia*, is a stocky little bird with a length of 6.25 inches and is found in open brushy habitat where moisture is available. It is visually recognized by its coarsely streaked breast and large breast spot. It also has two thick brown stripes (malar stripes) on the sides of its whitish throat. It has a grayish-white eyebrow and the crown is dark brown separated by a lighter stripe in the center. Its back is brown with black streaks and its underparts are whitish. It has a long brown rounded tail and its legs are pinkish brown. Both male and female look alike and the juveniles are similar to the adult but drabber with less distinct face and head stripes and may lack the distinguishing central spot. The song sparrow can also be distinguished in flight by its habit of pumping its tail up and down.

It lives up to its name by being one of the most persistent and vocal singers throughout spring and summer. To hear an example of its melodious song, log on to [FlatheadAudubon.org](http://FlatheadAudubon.org) and click on "local birds" then "bird songs." You will likely recog-

nize the three short notes followed by a trill. The song has been variably interpreted as "Madge-madge- madge-put-on-your-tea-kettle-ettle-ettle" and also as "Hip-hip-hip-hooray-boys-spring-is-here." One bird may have many variations on this theme; it will repeat one variation many times before switching to another. Song Sparrows learn their songs from birds in neighboring territories. They choose territories close to or replacing the bird that they have learned from. Like other songbirds, the male Song Sparrow uses its musical and complex song to declare its territory and to attract its mates. It has been demonstrated that the female Song Sparrow is attracted to the male whose melody best matched the adult bird she learned the song from. So she is looking not only for the buzz and trill but also for the indication that this guy is going to pass on some good "learning" genes to her offspring as well.

Like most North American breeding birds, the Song Sparrow uses increasing day length as a cue for courtship. But other factors such as local temperature and food abundance are important also. In Montana, nesting is generally from the second week of May through the first week of July. Their nests will be built low in the grass or shrub and often on the ground under a tuft of grass. Their open cup nests are made from grass, stems, leaves and strips of plant bark. They are lined with fine grass and rootlets. The female will lay 2-5 bluish green eggs with brown spots and will incubate the eggs for 12-14 days. The hatchlings are helpless with patches of black down but they will fledge in 12-16 days. In a good year, the female may have another brood or two.

These steadfast little brown birds will stay with us through the winter. You will see them feeding on the ground by bird feeders and scratching in leaf litter with both feet, searching for seeds and insects. You will occasionally hear their husky "chimp" call. Winter is an excellent time to observe the subtle but elegant markings of this loyal little resident and to appreciate its hearty vitality.



Jeannie Marcure

***The turkey was named for what was wrongly thought to be its country of origin.***



## October 2007 Program

**GRIZZLY BEAR RECOVERY IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES**

Wildlife consultant and FAS member Brian Peck will discuss the state of grizzly bear recovery in the northern Rockies at our October 8 meeting. Brian has worked for 11 years with the Great Bear Foundation, a nonprofit which originated over 25 years ago in Missoula.

Brian will address the delisting of grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park and how the delisting relates to the other five recovery zones:

- ◆ Northern Continental Divide (Montana and Canadian Rockies)
- ◆ Selway-Bitterroot (Montana and Idaho)
- ◆ Cabinet-Yaak (Northwest Montana)
- ◆ Selkirk (Idaho panhandle)
- ◆ North Cascades Ecosystem (around North Cascades National Park)

Discussion will revolve around two questions:

1. How is real grizzly bear recovery measured?
2. Are the right measurements for grizzly bear recovery being used?

Brian is originally from Windsor, Massachusetts. He was educated in Wildlife Biology at the University of Massachusetts and in Natural Resource Administration at Colorado State University. He served as Parks and Open Space Ranger for Boulder, Colorado, from 1973 to 1994. He also worked for the National Audubon Society as Wolf and Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator from 1992 through 1995. He lives south of Columbia Falls and enjoys fly-fishing, wildlife photography, hiking, and wildlife watching.

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 8, in the Community Room of The Summit, 205 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell.

**CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS**

Winter is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about your friends at the feeder. If you are an avid feeder watcher, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has a Citizen Science project for you. Project FeederWatch, Classroom FeederWatch, and The Great Backyard Bird Count are just a few of the fun ways you can enjoy bird watching while helping scientists understand more about birds.

**Project FeederWatch:** Are you a list-maker? A journal keeper? Project FeederWatch is perfect for anyone who loves documenting birds that visit their feeder. Just watch and record the birds you see, then mail or email that data off to the ornithologists at Cornell.

**Classroom FeederWatch:** Are you a teacher who likes to promote science in your classroom? Here's a great ongoing Citizen Science project that will really get your students interested in birds, whether they are in kindergarten or high school! **Classroom FeederWatch** is Citizen Science at its finest! Students enjoy feeding and watching local birds, while scientists learn from their findings. To begin **Classroom FeederWatch**, students and their teacher simply set up a bird feeding station near the school grounds, then observe what birds feed there each week during specific times. Students use the scientific method as they predict, observe, and record information. Data is entered into the Cor-

nell Lab of Ornithology website, helping scientists to track bird populations, locations, and patterns.

**Classroom FeederWatch** comes with a great curriculum full of ideas for activities and extensions, adjustable for all ages, ability levels, and schedules. The program costs approximately \$100 for the first year (to cover the curriculum), and \$15 each year following. Flathead Audubon has awarded annual grants to teachers participating in this exciting Citizen Science opportunity. Contact Ansley Ford, Flathead Audubon Education Co-Chair, at 857-6788, to find out how to apply for grants.

**Great Backyard Bird Count:** If you're interested in counting birds for science, but not sure you want to commit for an entire season, then try participating in The Great Backyard Bird Count. The count usually occurs over President's Day weekend, and watching can take place anytime Friday- Monday. Counting can be done in your own backyard, or any other location of your choice. It's fun to make a wintertime trek to the woods to see who's out and about, then come home and record your data over a steaming cup of cocoa!

Learn more about Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Citizen Science at [www.birds.cornell.edu/](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/). Happy Feeder Watching!

From Ansley Ford, Education Co-Chair

**CHICKADEE****CHATTER**

It was a day of great contrast; one moment the sun was shining, warming everything the golden rays touched; the next moment grey rain-heavy clouds would appear and dampen the earth with precious sparkling droplets. I couldn't decide whether it was a day to curl up with a good book or a day meant for a wander in the woods. I was longing for the sounds and smells of the forest, so I set out for the woods.

The clouds were winning the fight with the sun and soon only small patches of blue sky could be seen. I walked up the trail enjoying the solitude. It had rained in the foothills overnight. We have had so little rain this past year and I was delighted to walk in the rain-freshened woods. I spent long moments just breathing the fresh air into my lungs; I love the smell of the woods in the fall after a rain storm. It is a scent that stays long in the memory; there is the tang of tannin from the many leaves that have fallen and the sweet smell of wet grass and the earthy aroma of rich, damp soil and a few more scents that defy definition.

The rain-soaked woods in autumn are a feast for the eyes as well. The long rich green needles of the Ponderosa Pines had tiny shimmering water drops on the tips of each needle; there were thousands, hundreds of thousands of beautiful miniature droplets. The wet leaves on the birch, aspen and mountain maple were bright with color. The leaves a multitude of greens, gold and red, some were even tinged with pink. Many leaves were already lying on the ground having lost the battle with gravity; some were swirling down around me from above, succumbing to the tug of gravity as I watched, and some were fluttering in the light breeze, still clinging tightly to branches, all delighting the eye.

The rocks in our area are beautiful in any weather but with a coating of water they are exquisite. The maroons and purples and blues and greens of these ancient sedimentary rocks were fascinating. I picked up several to take home with me, as they were so lovely. (This is saying a great deal - remember, I own a rock shop and I really don't need another rock or two to add to the many.) One was celadon green with uneven bands of dark green running through it, a piece of the Appekuny argillite, a piece of a primordial sea bed nearly a billion years old. I walked by a dark purple rock with a perfect golden maple leaf perched on top. The contrast was so dramatic I had to stop to admire the artistry created by nature; it was a masterpiece.

Sparkling water droplets fell everywhere as a slight breeze blew through the leaves. I stood for many moments listening to the sounds of the falling water drops as they hit other leaves and my nose and fell down the back of my neck, falling to the ground with a soft plop. As I walked, small animals rustled in the bushes beside the trail. Several times chipmunks scampered across the trail in front of me or eyed me from a branch a safe distance away. Red squirrels were everywhere, gathering cones and chattering at an intruder in their domain. I love to watch squirrels racing up trees and over branches; they seem to do it with such abandon and joy. I am quite sure that I am imagining this and all they are really doing is just getting from one branch to another in search of another tasty tidbit, but it is nice to imagine.

Several Ruffed Grouse burst from the bushes. I am not sure who scared who the most. Their flight was so sudden and startling that all I saw of them was a flash of wings and the sway of disturbed branches after they had passed. My heart took some moments to recover.

In the young trees beside the trail, Black-capped and Mountain and Chestnut-backed chickadees kept me company. There were so many fluttering here and there and keeping up a constant commentary. High up in the Western Larch, the White Pine and the fir above me came the high-pitched calls of Golden-crowned Kinglets. It is amazing that these diminutive birds can produce such sounds. I was even fortunate enough to see the bright golden crown of one little fellow as he ate insects in a Western Larch.

The rain that had threatened to fall all day finally came down, first as a gentle mist that dampened my face pleasantly but soon it was pouring. I started back down the trail following little rivulets that had started flowing down the miniature river in the middle of the trail. The raindrops hit the hood of my jacket with a nice plopping sound and it muted all the sounds around me and gave me peace. All too soon I was back at the car, soaking wet and grinning from ear to ear. What could be nicer than walking in the woods in the midst of autumn in the rain?

By Leslie Kehoe

This story was reprinted from a column called Chickadee Chatter in a previous incarnation of The Pileated Post. It originally ran in October 2003. It was a grand day that lingers in the memory and even now I can see rain droplets sparkling in my mind's eye; I hope your fall is full of adventure and pleasure.



## Raptor Day in Memory of Rod Ash

August 25, 2007, was a day to commemorate Rod Ash's life and contributions to conservation and education, as well as a day to celebrate birds found in northwestern Montana, with a special emphasis on raptors.

Rod Ash passed away last year but left a legacy that will impact Montana's wildlife, forests and land for many years. In 1999 Rod Ash was presented the "Conservationist of the Year Award" by Montana Audubon in recognition of his lifelong commitment to conservation. Quoting from that presentation, "Fighting for the environment is not always an easy task. Rod Ash has understood that to fight for something you believe, you must understand the other side in order to achieve your objective. To be effective, one must have a grasp of not only the natural things around us, but also a keen understanding of people." Rod was thoughtful and considerate, an excellent communicator and a natural-born teacher.

In 2000 June and Rod Ash received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from Montana Audubon. June and their son, Gordon, were guests of honor at the Raptor Day!

Sponsored by Lone Pine State Park and Flathead Audubon and funded in part by Art Ortenberg, Raptor Day in Memory of Rod Ash was quite a



success, with 250 participants attending activities. The event, held at Lone Pine State Park, began with an Audubon bird walk at 8 a.m. led by Leslie Kehoe and ended in the early evening with a talk on owls by Denver Holt, founder of the Owl Institute. In between, there was an Audubon family bird walk led by Ansley Ford, photography workshop by Chris Peterson, Lone Pine's Hawk Talk by Melissa Sladek, Montana Audubon's Steve Hoffman on "What is a Raptor?" and the

Grounded Eagle Foundation's Ken Wolff on eagles and bird rehabilitation. There were also educational booths on bird identification, rehabilitation, habitat, management and songs/calls by Flathead Audubon, Flathead Conservation District, Lynn Vaught, Bruce Tannehill, Grounded Eagle Foundation, Flathead National Forest, and Lone Pine State Park. As an added bonus, there were live birds: a golden eagle from the Grounded Eagle Foundation and owls from wildlife rehabilitator, Lynn Vaught. The day was a community event, where guests of all ages enjoyed the variety of programs celebrating birds and honoring Rod's conservation legacy.

By Bob Lopp  
and Nancy Zapotocki



## SAM BIBLER COMMEMORATIVE TRAILS PROJECT

Few people do not know the name of Sam Bibler, because of his beautiful gardens, restoration of the Conrad Mansion, major improvements to Woodland Park, and the cleanup of the South entrance to Kalispell. He was a product of what Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation." He put his heart and soul as well as money into making Kalispell and surrounding area a better place to live.

A trail is being developed that will connect many of those projects as well as increase safety for children and adults. The trail will connect Woodland Park East to the Boys and Girls Club and South on Willow Glen Drive to the Vo-Ag Center. It will also provide hiking access to the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, which Flathead Audubon manages for the state.

At the April 2007 FAS board meeting, it was voted to donate \$250 to the project and Montana Audubon was asked to match that amount. At the May 2007 board meeting Flathead Audubon and Montana Audubon presented Allen Sieler two checks for \$250 each to help with the Sam Bibler Commemorative Trails Project. He was very grateful for the donations and really moved that fellow non-profit organizations would be willing to donate their hard earned dollars to this project. By Bob Lopp



## FAS RECYCLING AMAZES NEW COLLECTORS

Once again, Flathead Audubon has exceeded expectations! Our new volunteers from FVCC were surprised, amazed, and pleased to see our parade of recyclers lining up to fill their trailer before the September general meeting. They loaded up much more than they had expected and were impressed that our members were recycling so much. Green Team leader, Laura Damon, remarked about the number of individual car trips to the recycling center that were saved. Good going, Auduboners!





## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM MONTANA AUDUBON



### Let's Protect the Flathead's Clean Water as We Grow

Clean water is precious and belongs to all of us. No one has the right to pollute our water. As more and more people move to the Flathead, we need to plan ahead and set our own future. Streamside setbacks are flexible, commonsense regulations that protect clean water and property rights. Setbacks are designed to protect drinking water, homes from flooding, water quantity and quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and more. Next month there are two opportunities to help protect the Flathead Valley's water:

**Flathead County** - The Flathead County Planning Board is considering including setbacks in their Subdivision Regulations, which only affect new buildings in new subdivisions (current homes or land that was subdivided (but not built upon) sometime in the past are exempt). The proposal is for a 300 foot setback on the Flathead River and its major forks (North, Middle, and South); a 200 foot setback on the Swan, Whitefish, Stillwater, and Pleasant Valley/Fisher Rivers and Ashley Creek; and a 100 foot setback on all remaining streams in Flathead County. To keep streams healthy, up to half of the width would remain in natural plant cover. **There is a tentative meeting on Subdivision Regulations in Kalispell October 18.**

**City of Whitefish** - The City of Whitefish is considering adopting streamside setbacks in its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), which only affects new buildings (current homes are not impacted). The ordinance generally has setbacks of 100 feet on the Whitefish River (75 feet in native vegetation; 25 additional feet for building setbacks); 125 foot setback on certain wetlands and all streams that run year round (e.g. Swift Creek and Haskill Creek)(100 feet in native vegetation; 25 additional feet for building setbacks); and a 75 foot buffer around streams that run part of the year. **There is a tentative meeting on the CAO in Whitefish October 11.**

Both sets of setbacks are *flexible* to protect landowners' rights to use, sell and develop their land.

The Flathead Valley is blessed with some of the cleanest water anywhere. Uncontrolled development lining our streams and rivers is gradually and steadily increasing the pollution in our water. Please join others in supporting these two important regulations!

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Program Director

#### *Greetings from Montana Audubon -*

*Just a quick note to introduce myself to the Flathead Audubon Society. I am newly hired with Montana Audubon as a Global Warming Grassroots Organizer. For at least the next 8 months, I will be working ½ time around the state, helping to educate Auduboners and others on the threats global warming poses to birds and other wildlife and on what we in Montana can do (lots!).*

*I will be sharing ideas and, hopefully, generating interest through presentations, articles, trainings, our web site, and more. With help from The National Audubon Society, Montana Audubon hopes to turn up as many "armchair activists" as we can, and we plan to embark on a neighbor-talking-to-neighbor campaign. Along those lines, we plan to host an Auduboner +*

*friends training Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> somewhere in western Montana (most likely Missoula). To keep this a low-carbon event, we hope to arrange car pools or rent a van from the Flathead area (depending on interest). More details will follow, but in the meantime, mark your calendar and feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions, ideas, or would like to sign up for our global warming email list.*

*Also, please take a look at National Audubon's web site for timely global warming information, solutions, and action items:*  
<http://www.audubon.org/globalWarming/>.

*I look forward to meeting many of you and working with Flathead Audubon.*

*Thanks, Amy Cilimburg*  
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#### New Bird List for Montana

A new bird list has been created for the state of Montana. It includes all 421 species approved by the Montana Bird Records Committee (up from 413 species on the list printed in 2004). It can be accessed at: [http://mtaudubon.org/html/birdwatching\\_state\\_bird\\_list\\_hotline.htm](http://mtaudubon.org/html/birdwatching_state_bird_list_hotline.htm)

For printing, it is best to have legal paper in your printer (unless your eyes are a lot better than mine!). Thanks to Coburn Currier of the Montana Natural Heritage Program.





### JOIN OUR LOCAL CHAPTER!! MEMBERSHIP POLICY CHANGE



Four years ago we announced a new category of membership, a membership in Flathead Audubon Society. 215 families are current members of FAS. Historically, to join Audubon, you would simply join the National organization. You would then automatically become a Flathead Audubon Society chapter member, and receive the Flathead Audubon newsletter as well as the National organization's Audubon magazine. National Audubon supported our chapter by sharing the membership dues with us.

This is no longer the case. National Audubon has been gradually reducing its financial support to the local chapters and is encouraging them to become self-supporting. We currently receive from National less than \$4 from the membership dues of each member, and this will soon drop to 0. \$4 is less than half the cost of printing and postage for the newsletter for each member. So we (along with many other chapters nation-wide) have instituted a Chapter Membership. For \$15 you can join Flathead Audubon, receive the newsletter, be part of the action here, and support all of our local programs:



monthly meetings, field trips, management of Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, school and adult education programs.

You can still join National Audubon, of course. Your membership fee will support National's many excellent nation-wide education and conservation programs **but you will not be supporting the local chapter.** With a National membership you receive both the Audubon magazine and the Flathead Audubon monthly newsletter. The National Audubon fee is \$20 for first-time members (\$15 for Seniors and Students), and then \$35 to renew your membership after that.

**We strongly suggest that you join Flathead Audubon and then choose either to join National Audubon or not. Without local members the chapter will have to reduce its programs in the future.**

Over the years, Flathead Audubon has been well supported by valley residents through donations and activities such as our annual seed sale and birdathon. We hope this support will continue in the future and be supplemented by a large group of local chapter members.

Use the form below to join now!

**Our memberships now all renew in October rather than on the month the membership started. All memberships except those made after April 2006 must be renewed now. Without renewal, October will be the last month you receive The Pileated Post.**

***Please include your e-mail address so we can contact you when special events come up, especially during the summer. We had trouble contacting members for The Rod Ash Raptor Day Celebration this summer.***



#### Flathead Audubon Society Membership Form

I would like to join the Flathead Audubon Society.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send \$15 (check payable to "Flathead Audubon") along with this form to:

Flathead Audubon Society Membership, 380 Tally Lake Rd., Whitefish, MT 59937

When you use this form, your name will NOT be shared with other organizations.



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The Flathead Audubon Society is affiliated with Montana Audubon and the National Audubon Society. Flathead Audubon meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. The meeting starts at 7:00PM and includes a featured guest who presents a conservation or nature program. The Board of Directors meet the Monday preceding the general meeting, at 6PM at 295 3rd Ave. EN, in Kalispell. Both meetings are open to all those interested.

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