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Jane Lopp & Associates to be Recognized for Conservation Support

Jane Lopp & Associates LLC will be presented Flathead Audubon's Conservation Achievement Recognition at the December 10th meeting, for supporting conservation projects and conservation nonprofits while sponsoring a number of conservation-oriented Prudential Global Volunteer Days in the Flathead.

Jane Lopp & Associates represents Prudential Financial Planning Services. Though Jane has been in the insurance and investments business since 1979, and with Prudential since 1989, Jane Lopp & Associates is only about five years old.

Jane's business started out as one-woman show—just Jane and a secretary located in a 3-room house. Another employee was added when she recruited her husband Bob into the company after he retired from teaching at Flathead High School. Then about five years ago, Jane restructured her business to start a new company. She and Bob planned and oversaw the construction of a new building that in-

cludes office space for more employees and a large conference room. With the move to the new building, Jane Lopp & Associates, was launched.

Jane is well known in the Flathead for her volunteer contributions to our community. Perhaps less well known are her volunteer activities at the state level. Jane served on the Montana Human Rights Commission for 8 years, much of that time as Chair. She also served on the Gender Equity Study Commission for the State Supreme Court, and chaired the Site Selection Committee for the Women's Prison which was built in Billings.

This same commitment to community service also characterizes her company, Jane Lopp & Associates. One recent example is the company's corporate sponsorship for the last two years of girls' Rotary basketball teams. Another is the company's sponsorship over the last 5 years of a number of Prudential Global Volunteer Days.

(Conservation Achievement, continued on page 6...)

Christmas Bird Counts Coming Up! See page 5 for Schedule & Full Details!

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DECEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, December 10, 2007: Flathead Audubon General Meeting, 7 PM, The Summit, Conference Room 3. Dan Casey presents program on Christmas Bird Counts.

Monday, December 3, 2007: Flathead Audubon Board of Directors Meeting, 6 PM at 295 3rd Ave EN, Kalispell (Jane Lopp & Associates Building) All are welcome.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Mary Nelesen

A Very Special Owl

It was one of those brilliantly clear winter days when I came upon an owl perched on a bare branch of an aspen tree in Glacier National Park. Being a new resident to NW Montana, I had not seen this owl before and was not at all familiar with what I was seeing. To my delight, the owl did not fly away, as my husband and I slowly made our way on snowshoes to just below the tree where the owl was perched.

(I would not describe myself as a savvy birder but rather one who is lucky to remember binoculars and field guide when walking out the door. This particular day, however, luck was with me – I had both binoculars and my trusted field guide in my backpack.)

As the owl sat fearlessly on the branch, my husband and I took turns observing it and checking the field guide. It soon became apparent that we were looking at an owl definitely out of its normal range.

The Northern Hawk owl (*Surnia ulula*) is a medium-sized “earless” (no ear tufts), slender owl with a small head and long tail. It has habits that resemble some of the smaller hawks (hence its name). It is a day-hunting owl who perches in open treetops and is tame, with a seeming utter lack of fear. It relies largely on sight to catch its prey.

According to Allan W. Echert’s book, *The Owls of North America*, the Northern Hawk owl is an extremely bold and fearless bird. It can be approached closely without its taking alarm and fleeing – even to the point where at times it has been caught by hand. It seems to have an utter lack of fear where humans are concerned, especially in the more remote sections of its range. Aside from humans, the Northern Hawk owl’s natural enemies are larger owls – especially the Horned owls. Martens, fishers and weasels also kill a certain number of fledgling birds, although the parent bird will usually attack without hesitation any disturbance to the nest.



Northern Hawk Owl
Karl Mitchell
2002

Nest sites for the Northern Hawk owl are most often in tree cavities formerly used by Northern Flickers or Pileated Woodpeckers, tops or hollows of tree stumps, and even in old nests of raptors or crows. It nests between April and late June with clutch sizes of 3 – 9 eggs. Incubation is 25 – 30 days. The young fledge at 25 – 35 days of age and remain near the nest for about two months. They are considered fully independent at three months of age and are sexually mature at one year of age.

So, what exactly was the Northern Hawk owl doing in Glacier National Park during the winter of 2006? According to *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior*, the Northern Hawk owl is mainly a permanent resident of the boreal forest which extends across the continent from Alaska to the Canadian Maritime Provinces. It usually inhabits open forests with easy access to clearings. It may be found at the edge of a burn or open area, which is where my husband and I saw this owl. When in mountainous areas, Northern Hawk owls may move up as far as 6000 feet in elevation. It tends to avoid dense coniferous forests and prefers more open woodlands, including birch, aspen, and with a preference for pines.

But irruptions can occur. Irruptions are often thought to be related to a shortage of available prey, especially lemmings and voles. Other factors include snow cover and crust characteristics, and temperature. Following irruptions, some owls are known to remain and breed in areas far from their previous nesting sites.

This brings me back to my “lucky day” in February 2006. I have not had the good fortune to observe a Northern Hawk owl since, but I can assure you I will definitely know what I’m looking at, if by chance, I again come upon this very special owl.



UNIQUE GIFTS AVAILABLE AT AUDUBON MEETING

Linda de Kort is returning from Mexico with baskets, pots, and other articles made by indigenous Tarahumara artisans. All of these will be offered on the sales tables at the December 10th meeting. Part of

the price goes back to the Tarahumara people, and part supports Flathead Audubon’s programs. Also for sale, we have beautiful calendars, note cards, and many other items. Stop at the sales tables and do your holiday shopping!



December 2007 Program

Further Adventures in Birding: Flathead Christmas Counts

Monday, December 10th: Dan Casey

Christmas Bird Counts have been an Audubon tradition for more than a century. Our local counts date back to 1974, when the Bigfork Bird Club established a count circle centered at the Little Brown Church. Over the years, these counts have taught us a lot about winter bird populations, and have provided countless hours of camaraderie and cold feet. There's no better way to prepare for the upcoming counts than to come and enjoy Dan Casey's annual slide show. Much more than merely a discussion of our local counts, this popular presentation will give an overview of the diverse birds we see in our area this time of year, with identification tips, CBC trivia, conservation and natural history tidbits, anecdotes and predictions. You can expect an animated presentation with lots of great pictures of common and rare birds. We will try to finalize the teams for the Bigfork count at the end of the talk. Don't miss it!

Please join us December 10th at The Summit, Conference Room 3. Also at the meeting, Flathead Audubon's first Conservation Achievement Recognition of the 2007-08 year will be presented to Jane Lopp & Associates. (see front page story)

Goldfinch AND Christmas Wreath to be Raffled at December Meeting



This year, Flathead Audubon's Christmas Raffle will have **TWO** winners!

One of the lucky winners will take home this beautiful color photograph (7½"x12") of an American Goldfinch matted in a wooden frame

(13½"x19"). The second will win a decorated Christmas wreath.

There's not much time left to buy a ticket! The raffle drawing will be held at the FAS December 10th meeting. You don't have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are **\$1 each**, with a bargain rate of **\$5 for 6 tickets**. Tickets can be purchased at the December meeting, before the drawing. You can also get them by mail. Send your name, phone number and the number of tickets you want, along with your check for the appropriate amount, to Jill Fanning, FAS Christmas Raffle, 380 Tally Lake Road, Whitefish, MT 59937. Jill will fill out your raffle tickets for you. Mail orders must be received before December 8.

Proceeds from the Raffle will help fund local Flathead Audubon projects such as the FAS Bird

Education Program (which provides classroom bird education trunks, classroom presentations complete with bird costume, and teachers' workshops for local educators), FAS grants and scholarships for the study of avian natural history, and the leasing and managing of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area.



The prize goldfinch photograph is by local nature photographer **Mike O'Dale**. Mike graciously donated this matted and framed version of his work to Flathead Audubon for this raffle. He and his wife Jackie live in Kila, and are active members of FAS.

Kay Mitchell has graciously donated the Christmas wreath for the raffle. Kay is co-editor of the Pileated Post, and responsible for the beautiful layout

of the newsletter you receive each month. She and husband Brent are also the organizers of the yearly Owen Sowerwine Work Days.

Thanks to Mike and Kay for their generous contributions. And good luck and thanks to all you raffle ticket holders for helping to support Flathead Audubon's local projects.



Education Committee Needs YOU!

Have you thought about volunteering, but haven't found the right cause? Well, if you love kids, community, and birds, we have the volunteer opportunity for you! FAS Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help support the work of our new Education Coordinator. Meetings will be held every other month (on the second Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.), and will include a potluck dinner, a guest speaker, and time to set goals and work on further educating our area's youth and community. The first of these fun learning opportunities will be held January 9th. Please consider joining. For more information call either co-chair, Sonja Hartmann at 387- 4150 or Ansley Ford at 857-6788.



BOARD BRAINS AT WORK



News and Views from
Individual Board Members

BOB LEE FAS Vice President

The year is coming to an end, but the FAS Board is still active. Since the resumption of programs in September, the Board has been meeting regularly. As always, we are faced with challenges and opportunities. Flathead Audubon has been in the vanguard of conservation efforts and education in the Flathead Valley. We are actively promoting the adoption of stream setback rules to protect vital riparian habitat. This is a very important issue facing all developing areas of Montana. In conjunction with the Sustainability Fund, we have contracted with an Education Coordinator, Nancy Zapotocki. Nancy is very dynamic and a great asset to Flathead Audubon. Her organization of Rod Ash Days was outstanding. Nancy is working through the Education Committee, which is another group of dynamic individuals. They maintain and create the educational trunks that help local schools integrate birds into science education. Additionally, Ansley Ford teaches a wonderful *Beauty of Birds* class each spring. However, we will need to come up with some future funding to continue to support Nancy's position. Any ideas on this front would be greatly appreciated.

Speaking of funding, this year's birdseed sale was a surprise ... when we learned that our usual supplier had gone out of business. Thanks to Mary Nelesen's motivation, we were able to partner with Western Building Centers; they agreed to donate a portion of their profits of sunflower seed sales through the end of the year.

The monthly programs are outstanding. We have regular field trips. Dan Casey has identified a potential HawkWatch site in Jewel Basin, in addition to his coordination of the Bigfork and Kalispell Christmas Bird Counts. Lewis Young keeps tabs on local conservation issues. Linda Winnie and Brent Mitchell ride herd on the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. And each month, Linda Winnie and Kay Mitchell get this newsletter out – in spite of procrastinators like me.

Our relationship with Montana Audubon continues to thrive. Earlier this year, MA hired a new director, Steve Hoffman, who has already spent considerable time in the Flathead. MA has also hired Amy Cilimborg to take charge of the global warming campaign. This has freed Janet Ellis to spend more time on other projects, especially working with the legislature.

I know that I have left out some things. But the underlying idea is that there is a lot going on in Flathead Audubon. Please don't be shy about getting involved or offering up ideas. And enjoy the Flathead's birds.



Science Tidbit

BLACKPOLL WARBLER MIGRATION

SOURCE: *Living on the Wind* by Scott Weidensaul

The North American songbird with the longest migration is the Blackpoll Warbler. This half-ounce combination of feathers and determination leaves Western Alaska in August and flies 3000 miles across the continent to the Northeastern states. At this point some, but not all, Blackpolls start out into the Atlantic Ocean. They will need to fly 2000 miles to South America without eating, drinking or resting. With an average flying speed of 20 miles per hour, the Blackpoll should take 100 hours for the trip but it has an energy reserve for only 40 – 50 hours of flying time. How can it possibly make the trip? Why does the Blackpoll choose this risky migration? Watch for the answers to these questions in next month's Science Tidbits.

From Bruce Tannehill



A Call for Old Calendars

Are you looking for a way to reuse your old calendars? Well, look no more. FAS Education Committee is in need of old calendars for our programs. We put those beautiful bird, wildlife, and habitat photographs to good use as visual aids in our educational trunks and programs. So save those old calendars and bring them to Ansley, Sonja, or Nancy at the monthly meetings.

Thanks for your help!



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Lesser Scaup

Christmas Counts Coming Up

Common Redpoll (detail)
by Larry McQueen

The 34th annual **Bigfork Christmas Bird Count (CBC)** will be held on **Saturday, December 15th**. Two weeks and a day later, the **Kalispell CBC** will be held on **Sunday, December 30th**. Other counts in our chapter area include Glacier National Park, Ninepipe, Eureka, Libby, and the Upper Swan Valley (Condon). See the list of dates for these counts in the box below. As of this writing, we still seem to be easing into winter; let's hope that we are lucky enough to have nice weather for each of these counts (which we will conduct come rain, snow or shine!) A brief summary of last year's counts may help remind everyone how rewarding northwestern Montana's early winter birding can be:

Our cumulative total for the 33 years of the Bigfork count still stands at 142, as our 2006 list of 76 different species included none that were new to the count. But we did see record numbers of 7 species, from **Pied-billed Grebes** and **Hooded Mergansers** on the waters to **Bald Eagles** (59) and **Red-tailed Hawks** in the fields and skies. A **Mew Gull** at Somers marked the fourth time this rarity has occurred on the Bigfork count, and we had a lingering **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** for just the second time. And for the third year in a row, a **Snowy Owl** graced the count (after 30 years of not seeing one on count day!)

Kalispell's population continues to grow, and we now get a larger turnout there than at Bigfork. Last year's results really showed this, as we found five new species for the count circle, bringing our 8-year total to 101 species. These included **Lesser Scaup**, **California Gull**, **Thayer's Gull**, **Western Screech-Owl**, and **American Three-toed Woodpecker**. Even more remarkable, we tied or set new high count totals for another 26 of the 74 species counted. Among these were our second consecutive **Glaucous Gull** at the landfill, all three species of Accipiter (**Sharp-shinned Hawk**, **Cooper's Hawk** and **Northern Goshawk**), and record flocks of chickadees (3 species), nuthatches (3 species), **Golden-crowned Kinglets** and **Brown Creepers**. A flock of 800 **Snow Buntings** in the West Valley rewarded one lucky group of counters.



How You can Be Involved (We Want You!)

Participating in a Christmas Count only requires that you're least part of the day outdoors with one or more other birders, birds in a designated part of our count circle(s). Or, if you live in the count circle, you can

just count the birds at your feeder that day. We welcome all comers, and we take care to pair less experienced folks with more skilled observers. Call the count compiler, **Dan Casey**, at **857-3143** (home) or **756-2681** (office) if you want to take part in the Bigfork or Kalispell counts, either in the field or as a feeder watcher. For the Bigfork count, all arrangements are made ahead of time (see below), and then we meet at the Bigfork Senior Center at 5:00 pm the day of the count for a potluck compilation dinner. For Kalispell, we finalize the teams over breakfast at Finnegan's restaurant the morning of the count (starting at 7:30). Please come and continue the tradition with us, and start a new tradition of your own!



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Please call Dan ASAP if you wish to participate in the Bigfork Count.



Northwest Montana CBCs 2007

Day	CBC Name	More Information/Sign Up
Saturday, December 15	Bigfork	Dan Casey, 857-3143 or 756-2681
Saturday, December 15	Upper Swan	Steve Lamar, 754-2745 or Jody Wolff, 754-2880
Sunday, December 16	Glacier National Park	Susan Sindt, 892-7406
Sunday, December 16	Ninepipes	Jim Rogers, 883-3611
Saturday, December 22	Eureka	Lynda or Lewis Young, 889-3492
Sunday, December 30	Kalispell	Dan Casey, 857-3143 or 756-2681



CONSERVATION ALERT: RIVER SETBACKS



Thursday night, November 15th, the Flathead County Planning Board wrapped up the discussion of riparian setback regulations. The Board focused primarily on two key issues:

- ◆ What size streams should be protected by setbacks?
- ◆ Should subdivisions with municipal sewer service be exempt from such building regulations?

The proposal calls for 250-foot setbacks with 100-foot vegetative buffers for the Flathead, Stillwater, Swan and Whitefish Rivers. 200-foot setbacks with 75-foot vegetative buffers apply to Ashley Creek from Smith Lake to the Flathead River and also to the Pleasant Valley-Fisher River. The Board adopted 60-foot building setbacks and 50-foot vegetative buffers on all streams in the county not already listed.

The regulations only apply to new subdivisions, not existing developments or farms. Many were disappointed that the vegetative buffer was dropped from subdivisions developed with municipal sewer service. This ignores the need for riparian barriers between streams and people. Write the commissioners if you feel there should be riparian barriers on all streams and rivers. That will be the next level of discussion of these regulations.

Bob Lopp



(Conservation Achievement Recognition...)

Prudential's Global Volunteer Days is a program that enables local Prudential agents to apply for \$1000 grants to nonprofit organizations who organize and carry out a day of volunteer effort that completes a local project of community benefit. It is a win-win program: the volunteers contribute their efforts to complete a worthwhile project, and the nonprofit is awarded the \$1000 grant to help fund yet more of its community activities.

The first Prudential Volunteer Day sponsored by Jane Lopp & Associates brought volunteers to the Flathead County Library to take half-hour turns reading to groups of young children. And most recently, for the last two years, the company's Volunteer Days have benefited the Discovery Development Center by organizing volunteers to help finish the landscaping at the Center's new school and to improve the Center's play areas.

Five other Volunteer Days sponsored by Jane Lopp & Associates have focused on conservation. In 2004, Jane Lopp & Associates collaborated with Flathead Valley Trout Unlimited (TU) to organize one of the first such conservation-oriented events. This Volunteer Day brought together volunteers from three different groups— Flathead Valley TU members, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) employees, and Jane Lopp & Associates employees, to help with weed eradication at Sekokenei Springs Fish Hatchery, on the Flathead River.

Starting that same year, Flathead Audubon and Jane Lopp & Associates have jointly sponsored every fall an Owen Sowerwine Workday, in which volunteers gather at the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area to carry out maintenance projects.

The first two years, the focus was on controlling invasive non-native plant species growing at Owen Sowerwine, removing debris left behind by visitors, and beginning to clear and improve trails. The 2005 Workday also included construction of the informational kiosk just inside the Treasure Lane entrance to the Natural Area. In the last two years, Workday volunteers have taken on more ambitious projects such as more extensive trail clearing, construction of board walks over wet areas, construction of a stairway down the steep hill at the Greenridge Drive entrance, and most recently, clearing brush and trees from the property line in preparation for the installation of fencing. Fencing has already been installed along the portions of the south and west boundaries of Owen Sowerwine that were cleared in 2006. And the way was prepared for another round of fencing this year when Workday volunteers cleared the Leisure Island portion of the southern boundary. Fences are important to maintaining Owen Sowerwine as a Natural Area because they impede entry of motorized vehicles.

Jane and her employees have been regular participants in the Owen Sowerwine Volunteer Workdays. Jane drives the all-important shuttle van that takes volunteers to and from their work sites. Bob and other Jane Lopp & Associates employees have served as energetic members of the trail crews and fence-line clearing details.

Flathead Audubon is honored to be able recognize Jane Lopp & Associates for its outstanding contribution to conservation in the Flathead through its sponsorship of these conservation-oriented Prudential Volunteer Days.





ASK AUDUBON

"Would there be a possibility that there is lead paint in birdfeeders and bird baths, manufactured in China? If so, how do birds and animals react to lead?"

Submitted by Rosemary M., Raleigh, NC



Considering the recent publicity about high levels of lead in toys imported from China, you are wise to be concerned. A 2006 study from the University of Cincinnati determined that India, China and Malaysia produce consumer paints with dangerously high lead levels; these paints are used in a variety of products intended for export. The United States banned leaded paint in 1978, as it was linked to developmental problems in children. Lead paint affects birds and other wildlife as well. Burger and Gochfeld's 2000 study, published in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health, confirmed that even low levels of lead affected growth, locomotion, balance, food begging, feeding, thermoregulation, depth perception, and individual recognition in birds. Young birds affected by lead may not recognize their siblings or parents due to impaired cognitive ability and tend to wander from their nests. Higher levels of lead can lead to death.

Paint issues aside, the wood China uses to construct bird houses as well as other products is a source of concern. China does not harvest its own forests for the majority of the products manufactured in that country. Russia, Malaysia and Indonesia are the three largest suppliers of timber to China. These countries have limited forest management, and much of the wood China uses is actually obtained illegally from threatened forests. The forests in Indonesia, in particular, are home to many species of birds which are threatened by the rampant deforestation. To ensure that wood products you buy are from reputable sources, look for Forest Stewardship Certified (FSC) wood. The concerned consumer should ask questions about the source of any wood product, such as furniture or paper, to make sure your purchase doesn't encourage the deforestation of threatened areas.



RESEARCHERS FIND HIGH LEVELS OF MERCURY IN OSPREY

Nov 2, 2007 KPAX-TV

Travel the Clark Fork River during the warm weather months and you'll see osprey flying, fishing, and in their nests. They're the most visible birds of prey in western Montana, and now osprey are providing scientists with new information about toxic materials.

Over the last year, researchers have discovered that osprey in western Montana have high levels of mercury in their systems. That information is both surprising, and disturbing.

We visited the "clean room" this week. It's part of the Environmental Biogeochemistry Laboratory in the University of Montana's Geosciences Department. Researcher Heiko Langner tests blood and feather tissue from young osprey in the Clark Fork, Bitterroot and Blackfoot River systems. "We take blood samples from the osprey. The osprey is what we call an indicator species. It is a top of the food chain predator." In all, Langner has tested sam-

ples from 43 osprey chicks in western Montana, and found extraordinarily high levels of mercury.

"The reference dose for human health is 5.8 micrograms per liter of blood. What we found in these birds is about 100 times more." Since mercury easily damages brain tissue, the next question for Langner and other scientists is: how may mercury be affecting osprey?

"We know that at these concentrations, or concentrations that are actually higher, the birds start not memorizing their migration patterns right. And they also don't produce as many offspring. They are basically forgetting the way they would build nests, breed and so on."

Langner's research will continue in conjunction with Rob Domenech of Raptorview Research Institute, UM bird expert Erick Greene, and Missoula's Dave Taylor Roofing, which provides the truck to reach the nests.



A NICE BREAK FROM HOLIDAY STRESS

Help yourself by reconnecting with Nature and her children. Visit www.flatheadaudubon.org and relax as you listen to bird songs and view our feathered friends in their holiday plumages. You'll be reminded of the real reasons behind this special season. Happy Holidays to All, from Linda and Kay!





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