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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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Joint Mission Valley Birding Trip Sunday, January 20, 2013



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Flathead Audubon starts the New Year by sponsoring a joint winter field trip to the Mission Valley area and welcoming members from the **Mission Valley** and **Five Valleys Audubon** chapters to look for snowy owls, hawks, waterfowl and others between Polson and Saint Ignatius. Space (number of vehicles) will be limited. **Please Sign Up Early!**

Flathead Valley residents, meet Leslie Kehoe and Kathy Ross at the **Somers Park-N-Ride by 8:15 AM** to carpool and then bird along Flathead Lake. Missoula and/or Polson members, meet the field trip group at **10:00 AM at McDonalds in Polson**. The field trip will continue through the Polson area, where there will likely be snowy owls, and south along rural roads as far as St. Ignatius, ending at **4:00 PM** back at the Polson **McDonalds**. We encourage members to carpool from home, or contact Leslie to arrange a ride. Bring your lunch, warm clothes, spotting scopes, and New Years cheer!

Ask questions and sign up by emailing Leslie at kehoes11@centurytel.net or call her at **406-837-4467 after 5:00 PM**. All ages and birding abilities are welcome!

From Gael Bissell and Kathy Ross, Field Trip Co-Chairs

The GBBC is Going Global!

In 2013, people anywhere in the world will be able to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count Friday, February 15 through Monday, February 18, 2013! This year's all-new GBBC will feature global access in 4 languages, year-round tracking of bird sightings, interactive maps, single entry of your sightings, and ability to make changes and corrections.



easyvectors.com

All you have to do is watch your bird feeder and count birds. You can also hike and count on a favorite route, or count from a bench in a city park. All abilities are welcome!

To sign up for the Great Backyard Bird Count, go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/> and click on "How to Participate."

JANUARY FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

DON'T FORGET THE KALISPELL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, DECEMBER 30! MEET AT THE MONTANA CLUB AT 7 AM! QUESTIONS? CALL DAN CASEY, 756-2681 or 857-3143 or 270-5941.

Monday, January 14, 2013: Flathead Audubon General Meeting. 7 PM at Gateway Community Center, United Way Conference Room. Rick Mace presents a program on bears. See page 3 for details.

Monday, January 7, 2013: FAS Board of Directors Meeting. 6 PM at 295 3rd Ave. EN. All welcome.

Saturday, January 12, 2013: Winter Trails Day. See page 7 for all the details on four free fun events!

Sunday, January 20, 2013: Joint Mission Valley Birding Trip: See details above.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Dennis Hester, Photos by Sheryl Hester

BY CHANCE, HAVE YOU SEEN A GAMBEL'S QUAIL?

Where are they and why haven't I been able to spot one in Montana?

So you have been all over Montana trying to fill your quail sighting quotient in hopes of being able to check all those little boxes in the back of your bird book but to no avail. You've logged 5 species of grouse, the White-tailed Ptarmigan, a covey of fugitive Chukars, a California Quail in the Bitterroot, Gray Partridge, and a Northern Bobwhite Quail. Being an expert birder, you know that the latter four species are not native. But since you haven't spotted a Gambel's Quail, that box remains unchecked. Well there are three easy steps to putting a Gambel's Quail in your sights. Here is the secret, but there is one caveat.

First and foremost is the caveat. You must leave Montana, because if you claim to have seen a Gambel's Quail in Big Sky Country, your credibility as a birder, and for that matter your credibility about anything else, will be forever suspect. And January is a great time to leave Montana in search of Gambel's Quail, not because anyone would want to leave here in the winter, but because no one would want to go to where they are in the summer. **Second**, go where they are. The range of the Gambel's Quail includes northern Mexico and the southwestern United States. Sibley shows the range to include eastern California, southern Utah and Nevada (where the subspecies *Gambel's Quail* can be found), southern New Mexico and much of lower elevation Arizona. So make your winter birding vacation plans now. **Third** and finally, for the non-purist, find a park, like Cattail Cove on the Colorado River south of Lake Havasu City, AZ and wait for a covey of 20 to 60 of the little cuties to appear in front of your tent. And appear they will in the mornings and evenings when they are most active, as they go about their rounds in search of food provided by willing campers.

The more hardy and adventurous may find Gambel's Quail in hot, dry deserts with mesquite or other thorny cover, and because they require a lot of water, you will often find them where there is water nearby such as in riparian areas and juniper-pine woodlands. They are common residents of the giant saguaro cactus forests like Organ Pipe Cactus or Saguaro National Monuments.



The species is named after William Gambel (1821-1849), who explored the Southwest in 1841 and described the bird. Gambel may qualify as the most important 19th century figure in California ornithology. He arrived by foot in 1841, and left California at the end of 1843, having experienced all seasons, and visited many parts of the state. His namesake legacy is a rich one: Gambel's Quail [*Callipepla gambelii*] and Mountain Chickadee [*Poecile gambeli*], both of which Gambel first discovered for science. Also named for him are a subspecies of White-crowned Sparrow, and a formerly recognized subspecies of

White-fronted Goose— both winter in California.

The Facts

Gambel's Quail, Callipepla gambelii, are members of the family Odontophoridae, along with all other quail and Bobwhites. They are chicken-like, ground-dwelling birds that forage on seeds, fruit, plant material and insects. They are not known for their extraordinary intelligence.

They are plump, short-tailed quail with gray plumage. Approximately 10 inches long and weighing 8 ounces, the male Gambel's Quail is most easily recognized by the slender teardrop-shaped knot curving gracefully forward over the bill. The male is particularly striking, with a russet crown and black face, both delicately framed in white, and a black patch on an otherwise light belly. Adult females are similar to adult males but muted, lacking distinctive facial pattern. Their range that barely overlaps with the California Quail, making it less likely that you will spend hours pondering which species you saw that morning. However, they have hybridized with both **Califor-**

nia and scaled quails where their ranges overlap.

The Gambel's Quail are truly a desert quail. They are so well adapted to desert conditions that when necessary, they can get the water they need from succulent vegetation. But feeding activity in the summer is nonetheless constrained by hot weather. As a result, they follow a *bimodal pattern*, with morning and late afternoon foraging separated by a long quiet period. In winter, a similar bimodal pattern occurs, apparently to avoid raptor predation.

(Gambel's Quail, continued on page 5 ...)



January Program

30 YEARS OF GRIZZLY BEAR CONSERVATION IN WESTERN MONTANA: PROGRESS TOWARD RECOVERY



The grizzly bear has been listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act from 1975 to the present day. When Flathead Audubon meets on January 14, Dr. Richard Mace will update members on where we are at present regarding delisting of the species. He will trace the history of grizzly bear conservation efforts in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem in western Montana. These conservation efforts have been a hallmark for success for such a species as challenging as the grizzly bear.

Dr. Mace is a Research Biologist for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He is the Principal Re-

searcher for grizzly bear population monitoring in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. Dr. Mace holds a Master's Degree from the University of Montana and a Ph.D. from Sweden. He has worked with grizzly bears in Montana since 1976.

Dr. Mace lives in the Lower Flathead Valley with his wife and FAS board member, Gael Bissell.

Please join us at 7 PM on Monday, January 14, in the United Way Conference Room at the Gateway Community Center on US Highway 2 West in Kalispell. The Conference Room is accessed from the parking lot on the west side of the Center.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Report: 90 Species at Bigfork Once Again

Twenty-nine people participated in the 39th annual Bigfork Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 15, and for the second consecutive year, they recorded 90 bird species. These included two species new to the count: a Cackling Goose among the large flocks of Canada Geese near the Flathead WPA, and a Spotted Sandpiper along the river near Egan Slough. We also established new high count totals for 18 other species, including Common Loon (5), Western Grebe (12), Trumpeter Swan (28), Red-breasted Merganser (19), Red-tailed Hawk (62, including 6 "Harlan's Hawks"), Rough-legged Hawk (62), Northern Pygmy-Owl (8), Townsend's Solitaire (27), and Pine Grosbeak (172). Thanks to all who participated on what proved to be a seasonally cool, overcast but highly productive day!

Dan Casey, CBC Coordinator & Statistician

Joyce Lapp is First Recipient of Jack Potter Glacier National Park Stewardship Award

Headwaters Montana has announced the first recipient of its **Jack Potter Glacier National Park Stewardship Award**. Joyce Lapp, a botanist who retired in May 2012 after more than 30 years working in Glacier, is this year's recipient. Established in 2011 to encourage Glacier Park employees and the public at large to protect Glacier's stunning natural resources, the award is named for Jack Potter, who served for 41 years in Glacier, ending his career as Chief of Science and Natural Resources. Lapp far exceeded her duties as Glacier botanist, a job that focused in large part on the restoration of native plants in conjunction with the reconstruction of the **Going-to-the-Sun Road**.

This year's award citation notes that Joyce established the Park's native plant nursery, as well as the **Peace Park Garden** in Waterton Lakes National Park. She made sure that protocols were put in place for inspecting soils imported into the Park to prevent the spread of weeds, and incorporated education as a standard part of the plant restoration program. She led in establishing native plant greenhouses in Columbia Falls and Browning for student training, as well as developed a school curriculum called STARS (**Students Taking Action for Restoration and Stewardship**).

Joyce has had far-ranging influence on the science of restoration, from collection and propagation of plant materials to planting, monitoring, and doing outreach to other Park resource managers, other agencies, and park visitors on the science and the art of restoration. Joyce's legacy will continue to benefit Glacier Park.

Joyce Lapp is a past recipient of Flathead Audubon's Conservation Achievement Recognition. Flathead Audubon extends its congratulations to Joyce.

(Photo: Chris Peterson, [Glacier Park Magazine](#))





CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

From

Kay Mitchell for the Flathead Audubon Board



Highlights from December 2012 Board Meeting:

- ◆ Heard reports on sharp-tail grouse reintroduction on the Bitterroot MPG Ranch and scoping document for bridges and culverts on Going to the Sun Road from Conservation Chairs
 - ◆ Decided to try doing physical headcount at meetings rather than passing notebooks
 - ◆ Heard plans for field trips for 2013
 - ◆ Discussed candidates for Conservation Achievement Recognition
 - ◆ Approved committee (Bob Lee, chair) to pursue projects at Wiley-Robbins Homestead Center, over time
- Full minutes of every Flathead Audubon Board meeting are printed on the Flathead Audubon's website, www.flatheadaudubon.org, after they are officially accepted at the following month's meeting. Click on "About Us," then "Board Meeting Minute Archives." Take a look!

MONTANA AUDUBON'S ANNUAL BIRD FESTIVAL JUNE 7 - 9, 2013: LEWISTOWN, MT

Save the date! Montana Audubon will hold the annual state bird festival in Lewistown next year. Hear great speakers, visit with awesome birders from around the state, and get outside. We'll have an amazing variety of field trips planned, taking advantage of the many riparian and wetland areas, forests, and birding hotspots in the surrounding areas. Pre- and post-festival field trips will once again be featured.

Artwork by Andrew Gutenberg



Montana's Wildlife Needs Your Voice

With the 2013 Montana Legislature starting in January, many important issues impacting wildlife, wildlife habitat, and our environment are at stake. The passionate and reasoned voices of Auduboners across the state can make such a difference. We anticipate that most of our work at Legislature will be defensive. Our priorities are:

- ◆ **Fighting for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat** by supporting wildlife program budgets—and fighting legislation that prohibits the purchase of any new public land, including for wildlife habitat.
- ◆ **Advocating for Climate Change Solutions** by ensuring that Montana's energy development remains as wildlife-friendly as possible—and that the state continues to make progress on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other climate change solutions.
- ◆ **Defending our Environmental Laws**, including the Montana Environmental Policy Act (which requires a review of environmental impacts before the development of new mines, large subdivisions, oil and gas wells, timber sales, etc.), land use laws designed to regulate uncontrolled development (from subdivisions to gravel pits), and laws that protect our clean air and water.

Please lend your voice to help Audubon in Helena! You can do this by signing up for our action alert program at www.mtaudubon.org. We limit the use of our action alert program to the most critical times!

If you are already our action alert list, you do not need to sign up again. If you are not sure if you are signed up, just sign up again—we make sure that duplicate email addresses are weeded out.

From Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon



Global Birding

If you're an ardent birder, you probably keep your binoculars and field guide handy, in case you can do some birding when you travel. But it's not always easy to find the best viewing areas in an unfamiliar place or to know exactly what kinds of birds you might encounter. Not to worry. There's a global website, www.birdingpal.org, that lists local bird watchers all over the world who will treat you to a birding expedition when you're in their neighborhood. And they do it for free — simply because they love to share their passion with others. Volunteers are listed by country, state, town or region; languages spoken; and availability (usually "anytime"). You can email them directly to make arrangements for your adventure.

J.R. Hellman, AARP *Bulletin*



Wintertime—and the Living's Not Easy Bird-Feeding Concerns

Poorly maintained feeders may contribute to the spread of infectious diseases among birds. The feeders themselves can sometimes pose hazards, too. Here are some helpful hints for successful bird feeding:



- Avoid overcrowding at feeders by placing numerous feeders several feet apart.
- Keep your feeding area and feeders clean.
- Keep food and food-storage containers dry and free of mold and insects.
- Check your feeders for safety. Sharp edges can scratch birds and lead to infections.

People wonder whether bird feeding causes birds to change their migratory behavior. Changing day length is the cue most birds use to begin migrating, not the availability of food. Peak migration time is late summer and fall, when many natural foods are most abundant. And so it is unlikely that feeding birds has any effect on migratory patterns. On the other hand, there is some evidence that a few nonmigratory species such as cardinals have expanded their ranges due in part to feeding.

Many people worry about what will happen to their backyard visitors if they go on vacation or suddenly cannot fill their feeders. Ideally, a neighbor or friend should stop by to restock your feeder. Otherwise, try to taper off gradually before you go. Don't fret if this isn't possible. In winter, natural food sources often disappear overnight when they are covered by snow or consumed by other animals. Birds have adapted accordingly—studies show that even birds with full access to feeders consume three-quarters of their diet elsewhere, and that when feeder birds are deprived of supplemental foods, they quickly revert to an all-natural diet. If your neighbors have feeders too, you can rest assured that your birds will not starve.

*By far, the most satisfactory means of snow removal is spring.
Birds & Blooms, Feb/Mar. 2003*

GAMBEL'S QUAIL, continued from page 2 ...



Gambel's Quail make their nests by scraping out a shallow depression, often under vegetation positioned so the nest is sheltered from the midday sun. The nest is lined with dead leaves, twigs and grass and is well-camouflaged against predators, including cats, roadrunners and snakes. They normally lay ten to twelve eggs, though as many as twenty have been found in a nest. Interestingly, the female lays approximately one egg a day, but incubation does not begin until all the eggs have been laid. And although the eggs were not laid at the same time, they will all hatch on the same day, approximately 21 to 23 days after incubation begins.

Gambel's Quail sleep on the ground in a protective circle reminiscent of pioneer wagon trains. When disturbed by a predator, they suddenly fly in all directions creating total confusion.

Population Status

Because they seem to be more tolerant of habitat disturbances than other *Callipepla* (California and scaled quails), their numbers appear to be stable over the past 60 years. In fact, they have been introduced to Hawaii, Idaho, and San Clemente Island, California.

Mission Possible - Search and Observe

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to leave the warmth and comfort of your January fireplace and head south to where the sun shines, and there to search for, find, and then observe these beautiful small birds scurrying around on the ground as they scratch out a living in an otherwise harsh and inhospitable environment. After watching a covey of Gambel's Quail and hearing their soft clucking notes, you will know that you have discovered gems in the desert that you will want to see again and again.



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All donations in response to Flathead Audubon's end-of-year appeal letter will be featured in next month's Post.

How to Join the MOB

Are you a birder who is interested in finding out in real time what species are being seen around the state of Montana? Who would like to share your pictures with other birders across the state, and see those taken by others? Then you should consider becoming a member of the Yahoo Group "MOB-Montana."

Joining is easy. Simply go to <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/MOB-Montana/>, and click on "Join this Group." You will be asked for minimal information to set up your membership; the moderators prefer you use your real name and location and you will set up a username and password. Yahoo assigns an email address, but enter your actual email address as an "alternate" to associate with your account. Once signed up, you can choose to receive emails as they are posted, in digest form by topic, or "web only," meaning you will check the site for new messages and photos.

The MOB is a wonderful (spam-free) way to connect with the rest of Montana's birding community. Links on the webpage include annual lists of the first sightings of each species, links to other relevant sites, the official list of Montana birds, and more. The site is an excellent opportunity to request information or identification assistance, and there is a monthly photo contest. Non-members can see the most recent posts (only) at the link shown above. Have a look, and consider joining, to enhance your birding experience!

From Dan Casey

SPECIAL GIFTS

I wish to help make Flathead Audubon's vision a reality. Here is my contribution to the continued success of our chapter.

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Q/A from Birds and Blooms

Question: From Betty Kellams, Edinburgh, Indiana—"Where does thistle seed come from?"

Answer: Thistle seed, correctly called nyjer, grows in Africa and India. Despite its common name, it isn't related to the purple-flowered weed that you may see growing wild in many parts of North America. The US Department of Agriculture requires that the seed be sterilized before it's sold. Although the seed will produce small sprouts if it falls to the ground below your feeder, it won't fully germinate and become a pest plant.





January 12 is Winter Trails Day!

National Winter Trails Day offers children and adults new to snow sports the chance to try snowshoeing and cross country skiing **for free**, and to discover the great fitness and social benefits of these easy-to-learn winter sports. It is sponsored by several large recreational equipment and outfitter companies. This year there are four Winter Trails events and locations to choose from in Northwest Montana:

Glacier National Park Apgar Visitor Center, West Glacier, MT

January 12, 2013, 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Ranger-led snowshoe hikes suitable for beginners and families. Come learn a little about winter ecology. There will be two snowshoe walks, one at 10:30 AM and one at 2 PM. Snowshoes are available for participants going on the ranger-led hike. No reservations required. Visitors do need to purchase a park entrance pass. Meet at the Apgar Visitor Center.

Info & Contact: <http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm>, or (406) 888-7939, or laura_law@nps.gov

Lone Pine State Park - MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 300 Lone Pine Road, Kalispell, MT

January 12, 2013, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Explore Lone Pine State Park on snowshoes! Take a snowshoe walk on one of the many easy to moderate trails. Adult and child size snowshoes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be prepared with warm clothing and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

Info & Contact: <http://stateparks.mt.gov/parks/visit/lonePine/>, or (406) 755-2706, or twenum@fs.fed.us

Blacktail Mountain. X-C Ski Trails, Flathead Audubon and Flathead National Forest

January 12, 2013, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

A guided snowshoe walk will be held at the Blacktail Mountain cross-country ski trails near Lakeside. Participants may bring snowshoes, or a limited number of children's and adult shoes will be available by reservation. Come have fun in the snow! Learn about snowshoeing, identify wildlife tracks and sign, and look for winter birds. Meet at the upper trailhead parking area. Call to reserve snowshoes.

Info & Contact: www.fs.usda.gov/flathead, or (406) 837-7500, or twenum@fs.fed.us

Swan Ecosystem Center, 6887 Hwy. 83, Condon, MT

January 12, 2013, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Once again for National Winter Trails Day in the Swan Valley, a short snowshoe hike for ladies new to the sport is offered by the Swan Ecosystem Center; snowshoes are available. Participants learn snowshoe basics and the guided hike takes participants over gentle terrain. Later that afternoon, 2 PM to 5 PM, experienced snowshoers are invited to travel a four mile trail of moderate difficulty in terms of elevation gain.

On January 24, 2013, Sam Chapman of the Montana Discovery Foundation and the Helena National Forest will be in the Swan Valley providing snowshoes and a tour to Seeley-Swan High School seniors who will be participating in a simulated land management community meeting. Following this event, adult community members will be invited to join Sam on an afternoon hike from 2 PM to 4:30 PM.

Info & Contact: <http://swanecosystemcenter.org>, or (406) 754-3137, or diann@swanecosystemcenter.org

NATIONAL AUDUBON KIDS NEWS

Olivia Bouler's Art Continues to Help Birds

Eleven-year-old artist Olivia Bouler came to public attention for her advocacy work during the Gulf Oil Spill. Now, at 13 years old, she has raised over \$200,000 to help birds. She has been named a White House Champion of Change, ASPCA Kid of the Year, Youth Service America's 25 Most Powerful and Influential Young People, and a National Scholarship Winner. Olivia's children's book, *Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf*, is featured at many prominent bookstores.

We thought you might be interested that Gryphon Design Collective has featured Olivia in their Youth Ambassador Program, which promotes young game-changers who are advocates and role models within the global community. Read more at <http://bit.ly/126m8cX>.

Olivia recently developed two beautiful greeting card collections that are available through Gryphon Design Collective. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. To order Olivia's *Holiday Greetings* or *Birds by Olivia* cards, visit <http://bit.ly/YXZZ1S>.





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