



2015 Owen Sowerwine Volunteer Monitoring Season Starts This Month—Can You Help?

by Linda Winnie, Co-Chair, Owen Sowerwine Committee

Flathead Audubon's Owen Sowerwine Natural Area Volunteer Monitoring Program enters its 9th year in March. This Program has become an integral part of Flathead Audubon's management of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area (OSNA).

Reports from Volunteer Monitors are crucial to keeping our OSNA On-the-Ground Manager up to date on maintenance needs at Owen Sowerwine, and are essential to improving our records on the bird and wildlife and native vegetation species present at Owen Sowerwine. In addition, Volunteer Monitors relay feedback from OSNA visitors and neighbors, and help us estimate visitor numbers and activities.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP with our OSNA MANAGEMENT EFFORT by becoming a **VOLUNTEER MONITOR**.

It is easy. Just take an OSNA Volunteer Monitoring Form with you when you visit OSNA, and use it to tell us



what you observe. The fill-in-the-blank and check-list parts of the Form give guidance on what to look for, and there is also space for recording additional information and writing comments. Use the form to report sightings of new bird species; they will be used to up-date the OSNA Bird List. Send



the filled-out form to Rick Mace (address on the form).

You can sign up to do a scheduled monitoring visit (we try to schedule at least one visit each half month, March through November), or just take the form with you whenever you go to OSNA.



For more information on how the Monitoring Program works, go to the OSNA section of the FAS website (under PROTECT), or contact me, Linda Winnie (lindawin@centurytel.net, 755-1406). You can print a copy of the form and an OSNA

trail map from the OSNA section, or I will email these to you upon request. To sign up for a scheduled monitoring visit, let me know what month you want to sign up for, and whether you want the first or last half of that month.

THANK YOU to all who have served as Volunteer Monitors over the years. Your help has been invaluable! Please let me know if you are able to help again this year.

MARCH FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, March 9, 2015. 7 PM. Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. Dr. Craig Thomas Naylor presents "Chickadees in the Concert Hall." See page 3.

Monday, March 2, 2015. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, 295 3rd Ave EN. All welcome.

Saturday & Sunday, thru March 22, 2015. Explore Glacier National Park on Snowshoes. See page 5.

Sunday, March 22, 2015. Creston Area Early Spring Migration Field Trip. See page 5.

Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29, 2015. Freezout Lake Snow Goose Migration. See page 5

BIRD OF THE MONTH

by Linda de Kort

The Duck With The Sky Blue Bill

"Why did the artist paint that duck with a bright blue bill?" That is a question posed by those admiring the colorful Montana Audubon license plate. The answer is: because that is an accurate representation of the sky blue color of the bill of the male Ruddy Duck during breeding season. In addition to their unique blue bills (the only other duck species that sports a blue bill is the Masked duck which lives only in the tropics), the breeding male Ruddy Duck has bright white cheek patches, which are highlighted against a shiny chestnut body. They hold their tails upright as they bob along in the water; they look very cocky. The females and young are less conspicuous with grayish brown feathers and a single dark line across the light cheeks. Ruddy Ducks are smaller than our resident Goldeneyes and a bit larger than our Buffleheads. (Length 13.8–16.9 inches; wingspan 22–24.4 in; weight 10.6–30 oz.)

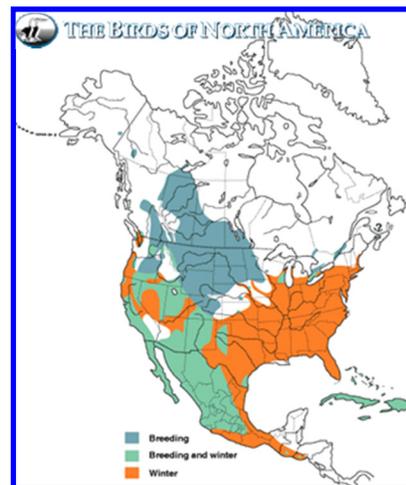


Unlike our hearty Goldeneyes and Buffleheads, the Ruddy Ducks, (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) are now basking in the south, as far as the Caribbean. They will be returning to wetlands and potholes in the north in the spring. You can expect to see them here in the Flathead Valley in May. Some will be migrating through to breeding areas farther north, and you can spot them on open water. Those staying to raise their young in our valley, however, will usually choose shallow marshes with lots of vegetation and some open water. They will begin their unusual pair bonding and courtship as soon as they arrive; be ready for a great show. The males will stick their tails straight up and strike their colorful bills against their inflated necks. By doing this they create bubbles in the water and a low rattling sound. In addition, they will run across the water making popping noises with their feet. They are extremely aggressive toward other males during this courtship time and will also protect their mate once the pair is formed. The female chooses the nesting site, which is usually over water in cattails or grasses. The nest can be as large as 12 inches across and is well concealed, often with a woven canopy of vegetation. Nesting can occur from mid-June to mid-August. The female lays large yellowish white eggs (2.5 inches in length) that are proportionally the largest of all waterfowl; the clutch size is relatively small, about 8 eggs. The advantage of these large eggs seems to be a substantial food supply for the embryos; the ducklings hatch well developed and are covered with down; they stay in the nest for less than a day and then are on

their own. The food and feeding habits of adults and ducklings are similar. They forage by diving to the bottom of shallow ponds and strain food through thin plates on their bills. They all seem to select areas that are rich in midge larvae.

Except for migration, Ruddy Ducks spend the majority of their time on the water. They will surface dive, rather than fly to escape raptors and other predators. In addition to predators, Ruddy Ducks are threatened by habitat loss. Like all waterfowl, they depend heavily on wetlands, which are degraded by grazing, burning and drainage. For that reason, it is quite appropriate that the winner of the 2014 Federal Duck Stamp contest is an acrylic painting of Ruddy Ducks. The artist is Jennifer Miller who has kindly granted us permission to print this preview of the image which will come out in stamp form later this summer. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, sales of

Federal Duck Stamps since their inception in 1934, have generated more than \$800 million, which has been used to purchase or lease over 6 million acres of wetlands habitat in the United States. Numerous bird, mammal, fish, reptile and amphibian species that rely on wetlands have prospered; an estimated one-third of the nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in these refuges. Moreover, these protected wetlands help purify water supplies, store floodwater, reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, and provide spawning areas for fish.



There are many reasons to buy Duck Stamps. Hunters over the age of 16 must purchase a Federal Duck Stamp each year if they want to hunt migratory waterfowl. Birders and other visitors to national wildlife refuges gain free admission. Conservationists buy Duck Stamps because

they know that they are protecting America's wetlands.

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March Program

CHICKADEES IN THE CONCERT HALL

Lovers of bird song, listen up! Musician and composer, Dr. Craig Thomas Naylor, will present a program at the March 9 meeting of Flathead Audubon that will surely be unlike any we have heard before. He has composed two musical works based on the vocalizations of chickadees. They are called "Chickadee Symphony" and "Chickadee Frenzy."

Ten years ago, while living in Virginia and teaching at a university, Dr. Naylor was listening to the vocalizations of Black-capped and other Chickadees. He decided to incorporate these vocalizations into a work for symphonic wind ensemble. He embarked upon a study of Chickadee vocalizations and consulted with researchers around the country. With the assistance of one early pioneer in the field of digital transcription and analyses of bird vocalization, he learned to understand what Chickadees are saying. This enabled him to write the work called "Chickadee Symphony" where each of the movements and the quality of the music is true to the behavior context of the vocali-



zations used. Craig's presentation will include some of the research he conducted to write the symphony, some excerpts from the music, and then the symphony itself.

In Dr. Naylor's second composition, he put three chickadee vocalizations into a computer, broke them into pieces, manipulated the digital files to

make different sounds, created an "orchestra" of chickadee-based sounds, and then wrote an electronic piece for these sounds called "Chickadee Frenzy".

Craig and his wife Candi now live in a house they built in Kalispell on land that has been in her family for four generations. Craig teaches band and choir at Trinity Lutheran School, is choir director at Northridge Lutheran Church and also teaches at Flathead Valley Community College.

We invite you to enjoy Chickadees In Concert at 7 p.m. 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.

wings 
across the big sky

June 5-7, 2015
Helena, Montana

Montana Audubon's Annual Bird Festival

Come join Montana Audubon's Annual Bird Festival, this year co-hosted by the Last Chance Audubon Society, June 5-7, 2015, at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. This facility, will be the center for all festival activities Friday through Sunday, including registration, birding field trip departures, guest speaker presentations, meals, banquet festivities, and much more. The Colonial is located near the Capitol exit off I-15 and provides easy access to all

our birding activities and field trips.

Currently we have 100 rooms blocked for festival-goers Friday and Saturday nights. Be sure to tell them you're with the Montana Audubon Bird Festival group to get the special rate! Make your reservations soon at the hotel directly at 1-406-443-2100, or online with the booking code, MONT0604.

The Festival Registration Brochure is scheduled to be mailed the middle of March, with the online registration system active soon after. Use either the registration brochure or the online system to register. The brochure is full of information on the festival events and all the field trips that will be available.

Family Forestry Expo

The 26th annual Family Forestry Expo will take place at Stoltze Lumber's Ron Buntmeyer Educational Forest located to the north of Kalispell along Trumble Creek on Saturday, 9 May, from 9 AM — 3 PM. The FFE is a family event that offers hands-on experiences of the role that forests perform in our everyday lives. Expo visitors explore how the different parts of a forest are connected to make up a dynamic, living system, how people and all parts of the environment are dependent on one another and how each affects the other.

There will be a free "loggers lunch," demonstrations, exhibits, and a forest walk with many educational stops, including one run by Flathead Audubon. FAS has had a booth at the Expo for many years. We are always looking for volunteers to help. If you enjoy being outdoors on a spring day talking to people about forests and ecosystems, please contact Patti Mason, the FAS Conservation Educator, at auduboneducator@gmail.com. And whether you are a volunteer, participant or just want to enjoy a day in the woods, everyone is welcome to come on out on Saturday, 9 May.

CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from February 2015 Board Meeting:

- ◆ agreed to send a letter of commitment to Vital Ground for them to use as evidence of matching funds when applying for grants for the Alvord Lake project
- ◆ heard reports on FAS budget, OSNA committee meeting, Conservation Ed activities, progress on Conservation Ed Strategic Plan, 2016 FAS calendar, pending bills in the legislature and potential funding shortfall for Loon Ranger program
- ◆ learned that Steve Hoffman and David Cronenwett of MT Audubon will be at the March board meeting

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Collectors buy Federal and Junior Duck Stamps because the beautiful stamps can gain value over the years and are an important part of America's outdoor culture. Finally, educators, conservationists, hunters, parents and students buy \$5 Junior Duck Stamps to support conservation education programs. Among the

refuges funded in part by Federal Duck Stamps are our local Lost Trail and Swan River National Wildlife Refuges as well as our Waterfowl Production Areas. So buy your Federal Duck Stamp (available at the post office in July) and celebrate National Wildlife Refuges and the duck with the sky blue bill.

Conservation Education Corner

by Patti Mason

The Billy B concert in January brought in around 200 children and adults to celebrate the natural world. Since then, I have been brainstorming ways to create on-going programs in the schools working with groups of teachers. The Great Backyard Bird Count went well in Somers and Kalispell, with new schools wanting to participate next year. The Somers kids were excited to be part of the global effort. I hope all of you took 15 minutes to make sure your birds were counted too!

Birds of Northwest Montana class starts at FVCC is underway. March is science fair month in the

valley. Science fair participation and science days are really expanding at the schools, so they are always looking for more judges. Contact me if you can help.

Thanks to the people that sent me photos.

Feel free to send more! I am still looking for a math person to help me write some story problems so that when kids are calculating percentages they are thinking about birds.

Interesting fact: one Cooper's hawk needs well over 600 baby birds to feed its brood. No wonder they get mobbed!

Beauty of Birds

by Patti Mason

In April, we will be offering the adult education class "Beauty of Birds" at Flathead High School. Learn about our local birds through a series of workshops and field study. Topics include: General bird anatomy, habitat and behavior, the importance of birds and how to identify birds by sounds, markings, and silhouettes. Class Dates: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015. Students need to mail in or drop off a \$10.00 registration fee. Checks need to be made out to School District 5, mailed to Flathead High School, 644 4th Ave West Kalispell, MT 59901, Attn: Debbie. She will send out a confirmation letter with class information on it.



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Field Trips, Reviews and Upcoming

All FAS field trips are free and open to the public and are geared for all ages and levels of field experience. They are led by area biologists, retired professionals, and some of the best birders in the region. For all Field Trips, dress for the weather, bring binoculars or spotting scope if you have them, wear sturdy footwear, and drive and pull off the road safely. All drivers must have their own vehicle insurance. For more information, contact Kathy Ross, 837-3738, or Gael Bissell, 261-2255, or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the FAS general meetings and on www.FlatheadAudubon.org.



EXPLORE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK ON SNOWSHOES. Saturdays & Sundays, January 10 thru March 22, 2015. Enjoy a two-hour ranger-led snowshoe walk and take an intimate look at the park in winter. Search for signs of wildlife, discover the plants and animals of the park, and enjoy the solitude of winter during this unique experience. Not recommended for children under age 6. Meet at Apgar Visitor Center. Trips leave at 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Participants may use their own snowshoes or rent snowshoes for a nominal fee at the Visitor Center. Snowshoe rentals are also available elsewhere in the Flathead Valley. If you have questions regarding this offering, please call 406-888-7800.

CRESTON AREA EARLY SPRING MIGRATION FIELD TRIP. Sunday, March 22, 2015. Join premier birder Craig Hohenberger to explore Creston area wetlands for thousands of migrating swans, geese, ducks, as well as resident and early migrant songbirds. If we are lucky we might see Eurasian Wigeon or an early Cinnamon Teal. This is an excellent time of year to experience a wide range of avian species. Meet at the Creston School parking lot at 10 a.m. to carpool. We should return around 1pm. To sign up or get further information, contact Gael Bissell 406-261-2255 or gbissell535@gmail.com.

FREEZOUT LAKE. Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. There is nothing quite like 100,000 Snow Geese swirling against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. The Snow Geese are moving from their California wintering grounds to their arctic nesting areas. Thousands of other waterfowl are also seen. Led by Bob Lee, the trip will meet at the K-Mart parking lot on the corner of Highways 2 and 35 in Kalispell on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. We will caravan/carpool to Choteau, arriving in time for the afternoon "fly-out" of the geese. After dinner and a night in Choteau, we will head back out before daybreak to watch the geese' "mass ascension" from the ponds of Freezout. After the morning's birding, we, too, will head home in the early afternoon arriving in Kalispell around 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Bob will provide a suggested schedule and route, and will be in the front of the group, but attendees may choose to follow the geese as much or as little as they, the weather and birds allow. Please make your own arrangements for lodging; primitive camping is available at Freezout WMA. Motel options include the Stage Stop (406-466-5900), Bella Vista (406-466-5711), Gunther (406-466-5444) and Big Sky (406-466-5318). For more information, contact Bob Lee at 270-0371 or RML3@centurytel.net.

Birds and Mammals--McWenegar Slough to the Flathead River. Saturday Evening April 18, 2015. Join Pete Fisher exploring the protected marshes, ponds and forests of this major wildlife corridor, home to 20 species of mammals and 170 species of birds including Trumpeter Swans, Sora, Virginia Rails, Great Horned Owls along with river otters and beavers that could be present during this evening walk. Knee high rubber boots are recommended. The trip is limited to 15 people so please contact Pete at 250-9624 or email fisher-pete88@yahoo.com. Field trip will meet 5 p.m. at the McWenegar Slough Fishing Access Site along Highway 35 east of Kalispell with a return around 7:30 p.m.

Mission Valley and Montana Waterfowl Foundation. Sunday April 26, 2015.

Join Janene Lichtenberg and Amy Cilimborg of Montana Audubon to learn more about birds and conservation initiatives in the Mission Valley. First stop will be the Montana Waterfowl Foundation where we will take a walk through the spruce fen forest and visit Trumpeter Swans and other waterfowl in the aviaries. From there we will tour some of the surrounding habitats where we should find a variety of bird species. Meet at the large Salish Kootenai College parking lot in Pablo, corner of Highway 93 and Silver Fox Lane at 9 a.m. We will plan to return around 1 p.m. Parking during the field trip is limited so carpooling from Kalispell and SKC is recommended. To sign up or to get more information, contact Janene by email at janene_lichtenberg@skc.edu or call (406-212-5473).

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

In May, FAS will elect the President, Vice President and several Director positions. It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like to see guide FAS for the near future. The person sitting next to you at the last meeting is a good choice, and the person sitting in your seat is also a good choice! If you know

of someone who would be a good leader, please contact Bob Lee (270-0371 or RML3@centurytel.net); the Nominations Committee will talk with them about roles and responsibilities and get them on the ballot. If you would like to be on the Nominations Committee, please contact Bob.

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Smith Lake Bike and Bird Field trip with Flathead Land Trust. Saturday May 16, 2015.

Bike and bird the Smith Lake area with the Flathead Land Trust in cooperation with the Flathead River to Lake Initiative and Flathead Audubon. This ride will be an 8.5-mile loop ride in the Smith Lake area highlighting on-going land conservation projects and migratory bird habitats and species. Trip will run from 9 a.m. to noon but the final meeting location has not yet been determined. Details will be in the April Pileated Post and Flathead Audubon's website. To sign up and get more information, contact Laura Katzman at katzman@bigsky.net or 752-8293 (office).

Firebrand Pass Field Trip, Birds, Bears and Native Plants. Saturday May 23, 2015.

Lead by wildlife biologist, Steve Gniadek, we will bird the rich riparian habitat along Coonsa Creek near the Firebrand Pass trailhead and also looking for wetlands and aspen groves, contrasting with open, rocky talus east of trail, that create a large diversity of flora and fauna. Meet at the Columbia Heights Park N Ride at 7:00 a.m., car-pooling to the Firebrand Pass Trailhead (takes about 1 to 1.5 hours). To sign up or get more info, contact Steve at 892-7406.

The Annual Warbler Weekend at Tally Lake. Friday afternoon through Sunday, May 29-31, 2015. Come join FAS at the Tally Lake Campground for an extraordinary weekend of birding and relaxing. The pavilion campsite at the campground has been reserved for the weekend. Throughout the weekend, we will be focusing on bird identification, birding by ear, and photography. This is an ideal time of year to find a wide variety of migrant and resident birds; most notable is that all of the warbler species which can be found in NW Montana are found here. Plenty of other activities can be enjoyed at Tally Lake as well. Cost of camping is FREE courtesy of FAS. Call Jill or Mike Fanning at 862-8070 if you have questions about this outstanding adventure into the world of birds.

Field Trips in the Making... Watch the Flathead Audubon Website and future Pileated Posts for dates and details:

Eureka Birding Field Trip with Lewis Young

Birding Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge with Beverly Skinner

Wild Wings Recovery Center Field Trip

Common Loon Chicks and Families Field Trip with 2015 Kalispell Loon Ranger

Bat Viewing/Listening/ Capturing Evening Field Trip with Lewis Young

North Valley Sandhill Crane Field Trip with Flathead Land Trust and West Valley Naturalist's Assoc.

"Cease being intimidated by the argument that a right action is impossible because it does not yield maximum profits, or that a wrong action is to be condoned because it pays."

Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

FLATHEAD AUDUBON MISSION STATEMENT

THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY IS A LOCAL CHAPTER
OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.

- ⇒ OUR MISSION IS TO CONSERVE BIRDS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND ECOSYSTEM DIVERSITY.
- ⇒ WE PROMOTE AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.
- ⇒ WE WORK WITH DIVERSE GROUPS AND AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE SOUND DECISIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.
- ⇒ WHILE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS IN NORTHWEST MONTANA, WE BELIEVE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE EARTH AND ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS.

2014 Libby Christmas Bird Count

Our count was on 14 December with seven parties driving and walking and another five watching feeders. We came up with 59 species including a Loggerhead Shrike, viewed from 30 feet away. It was an adult but no bands were visible. For the count week we had 64 species, which is about normal considering the early date of the count and the mild weather. Despite having lots of Mountain Ash berries available, not many Bohemian Waxwings and no Varied Thrushes were counted. Flicker count was way down also. We did have more than normal of Ring-neck Pheasants and Blue Jays on the count day. For more information, please call Pete Mickelson at 907-253-5111.

Forest Carnivore Monitoring in the Southwestern Crown of the Continent

MARCH 6, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Researchers Adam Lieberg and Luke Lamar will give an update on the work they completed in 2012-2014, and are continuing in 2015, to identify individual wolverine, lynx, and fisher through genetic sampling in the Upper Swan Valley, Upper Blackfoot, and Upper Clearwater watersheds. Swan Ecosystem Center, 6887 MT Highway 83, Condon, MT.

Southwest Montana Sage Grouse Lek Tour May 1-3, 2015

Montana Audubon is proud to offer one of our most popular tours.

Sage-Grouse Leks of Southwest Montana

Early May is the best time to comfortably view the spectacular dawn displays of male Greater Sage-Grouse at their breeding leks. We'll get up early to visit a lek known to host 50 or more booming grouse! The Greater Sage Grouse is North American's largest native grouse species, and is also a candidate for federal listing as "threatened". This weekend adventure will also explore the sagebrush hills surrounding Montana's historic Bannack State Park ghost town, plus the wetlands and grasslands adjacent to Clark Canyon Reservoir and in the Beaverhead Valley near Dillon. In this area we will search for Sage Thrashers, Long-billed Curlews, Ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks, Burrowing Owls, Prairie & Peregrine Falcons, and various passerines.



We plan to view, from a distance, several active raptor nest sites, possibly including both Golden and Bald Eagles. Waterbird migration will be in full swing at this time, and thus we are likely to find good numbers and varieties of diving and dabbling ducks, an array of shorebirds, as well as loons, pelicans, waders and marsh birds.

The cost is \$485/person, double occupancy (single supplement is \$100), meals, and transportation from Bozeman, Helena or possibly Missoula. A \$100 deposit reserves your place .

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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