



It's Christmas Bird Count time!
Schedule of northwest Montana Counts and information on Bigfork and Kalispell Counts on page 5.

From the Board

This month's From the Board piece comes from one of our new Board Members Doug MacCarter. FAS wishes to thank Doug for his work with the ospreys of the Flathead Valley. We are proud to have him join the FAS Board.

FLATHEAD VALLEY OSPREYS 2015

By Doug MacCarter



Doug MacCarter (left) and brother Don

This summer with the help of Shawn Richmond, I surveyed the osprey population in the Flathead Valley. The boundaries I selected for the survey area included Bigfork on the east, Kalispell on the north, and Somers on the west. This area included the lower Flathead Valley and the area around the northern tip of Flathead Lake.

Flathead Lake ospreys usually return from their wintering areas in late March or early April. The males generally arrive first, and the females typically follow two or three days later. The annual courtship consists chiefly of a nuptial display of aerial gymnastics by both sexes, including soaring, swooping, and hovering in wide circles. A male will often carry a fish in its talons during courtship displays. Males will copulate with their female mates numerous times throughout the courtship. After 30-35 days of incubation, the young ospreys usually hatch during the first week of June and fledge approximately eight weeks later, sometime during the second week of August. In late September or early October, the Flathead ospreys typically return to their wintering areas, which include southern Texas and Mexico.

In the Flathead Lake area, ospreys currently appear to favor platform nesting structures. Eighty-six percent of the nest structures this summer were active platform nests and fourteen percent tree nests. During my osprey study over the past 40 years, the vast majority of ospreys have utilized dead Ponderosa pine and cottonwood snags as their nesting sites; however, many of these potential osprey nesting sites have been cut down over the years, so the birds have taken to using utility poles or nesting platforms erected for the exclusive use of ospreys.



Ospreys continued on page 4.



FAS Board Challenges You!

In the spirit of the holiday season, and with the conviction that "leaders should lead by example," each of your directors and officers is making a year-end donation to Flathead Audubon.

The Board is challenging our membership to beat the board members' total! Board members have until December 18 to make their donation. Members have until December 31.

If you receive *The Pileated Post* by mail, you will find a donation envelope inside, ready for your contribution. If you are reading our digital version, use the DONATE button on the FAS web site; just click [HERE](#) to get to the page with that button (at bottom of page.)

Keep in mind that we are a non-profit chapter. Our projects are supported by your donations. Your contribution is fully tax deductible and will be used carefully and locally.



Thanks for answering the challenge!

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Currently we do not have e-mail addresses for most National members and some local members. We would like to have as many such addresses as possible both for Pileated Post purposes and to alert members of significant local events.

Please send us your e-mail address even if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter by mail. Send the address to Mike Fanning, shrdlu@centurytel.net. We do not share email addresses with anyone.

Thank you for helping FAS perform its mission.

DECEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, December 14, 2015. 7 PM. Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. See page 3.

Monday, December 7, 2015. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, 295 3rd Ave EN. All welcome.

December 19, 2015 - January 3, 2016. NW Montana Christmas Bird Counts. See page 5.



BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Lisa Bate

PINE GROSBEAK



It is the middle of winter, long after the breeding songbirds have left. The forest emits silence more than sounds of any birds. It seems so empty, and then we hear the call and smile. It is the Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) calling, as if to say, "Look at me, I'm still here!" I always say that the bird is describing itself, because it sounds like it is calling "pretty, pretty." And pretty they are with their reds and orange-yellows, adding a splash of color in a winter landscape dominated by shades of gray.

The Pine Grosbeak is the largest finch in northwestern Montana, and one of the largest in the world, averaging 22.5 cm (9 in) long with a wingspan of 33 cm (13 in). The name "grosbeak" comes from the French words *gros* meaning big or fat and *bec* for beak. The species name *enucleator* means to tear apart, which describes this bird's method of tearing open conifer cones to feed on seeds.

The male is recognized by his rosy-red head, breast, back and rump, while the female has a contrasting yellowish head and rump. The immature males are indistinguishable from the adult females until their second year. All Pine Grosbeaks have white wing-bars and tertial edges, with dark tails and wings, and yes, very BIG beaks.



Female Pine Grosbeak

Pine Grosbeaks are a boreal finch found in forests in the northern latitudes of the world and further south in the western mountain ranges of North America. Although Pine Grosbeaks can undergo winter irruptions—an irregular and massive migration in search of food—birds here in Montana are rarely found far from their breeding territories. These birds seem tolerant of humans nearby, allowing for close-up views. The best habitat in which to view these birds is the open, wet coniferous forests, especially those dominated by Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine fir. Outside of North America, they are found in subalpine and subarctic forests dominated by pine, spruce and birch.

Pine Grosbeaks forage mainly in trees and shrubs on buds, fruits, and seeds. They will also eat new needles on conifer branches. In our area, they especially like eating mountain ash berries and rocky mountain maple seeds. They will use their big beaks to bite through fruit skins and crush the seeds, before discarding the pulp. During most of the year, the diet of a Pine Grosbeak is comprised of 99% vegetative matter. In the breeding season they feed in pairs; outside of the breeding season they feed in small flocks. Flocks in the winter may stay near a tree until all the fruit is consumed. In localized areas, Pine Grosbeaks will feed on sunflower seeds provided at feeders.



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During the breeding season males become very territorial, singing from treetops to defend their 400 m (1/4 mi)-diameter home range. Their song is beautiful and flute-like, with warbling pure sounds (<https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/pine-grosbeak>). The female builds a cup-like nest from conifer twigs, small roots and grasses, then lines it with lichens, grasses and a few feathers. Most nests are on the south side of a tree about 3 m (10 ft) up from the ground, close to the trunk. The female lays 3-4 pale-blue eggs with some speckles. She incubates the eggs for 13-14 days, while the male continues to defend the territory and bring her food in the nest.

Born naked and helpless, the young grosbeaks quickly develop to fledge in 2-3 weeks due to their parents feeding them a high protein diet of insects and spiders mixed with some fruit. The parents develop throat pouches allowing them to carry more food to their young.

Pine Grosbeaks are listed as a species of Least Concern meaning that they are common and widespread throughout most of their range. In most parts of their range, however, this is very difficult to assess due to their irruptive tendencies. Here in Montana, car collisions are one of the most common reasons of mortality for this species due to their attraction to the sand and salt used on snowy roads. So if you see birds on the road in winter, please "give them a brake." And plan walks in the wet, coniferous forests so you too can enjoy the sounds and colors of this winter finch.



THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA



December Program



Early Winter Birds of the Flathead

As we roll into December, it is once again Christmas Bird Count time!

This is the 116th year of the Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The Count has become a holiday tradition, as thousands of volunteers throughout the country become citizen scientists for a day. They venture out with binoculars and scopes and field guides in seasonal weather and temperatures to count bird species in their area. This annual census enables Audubon and other organizations and many research scientists to track changes in the size and location of our bird populations.



Here in the Flathead we are ushering in a new era, as Pete Fisher and Craig Hohenberger take the reins from Dan Casey as compilers of the Kalispell and Bigfork Christmas Bird Counts.

A joint presentation by Pete and Craig will be featured at the upcoming Flathead Audubon December meeting. They will combine summaries of population trends, some "virtual birding," and a wide variety of photos, to help tell the story of early winter birds in the Flathead.

Craig and Pete will be signing people up for the Bigfork and Kalispell Counts after their presentation.

Please join us for the Flathead Audubon December meeting on Monday, December 14 at 7 PM. We will meet in the United Way Conference Room at the Gateway Community Center, off US Highway 2 West in Kalispell. Look for the Flathead Audubon green banner just outside the entry door.

See page 5 for more information on the Bigfork and Kalispell counts and a schedule of the 8 Counts that will be taking place throughout northwest Montana.

Connect with Flathead Audubon Society Online!

By Jake Bramante, Co-Chair of the FAS Website Committee

We've been working behind the scenes to get Flathead Audubon more digitally connected with updates to the web site, creation of a Facebook page, and a Twitter account.

If you've not visited the Flathead Audubon website recently at <http://www.flatheadaudubon.org>, you're in for a real treat. We recently updated the look of the site. It's not just a facelift, however, as we are now going to be posting more news and happenings. It's a perfect place to stay up to date on the latest as well as your resource for birding in the Flathead and surrounding areas.



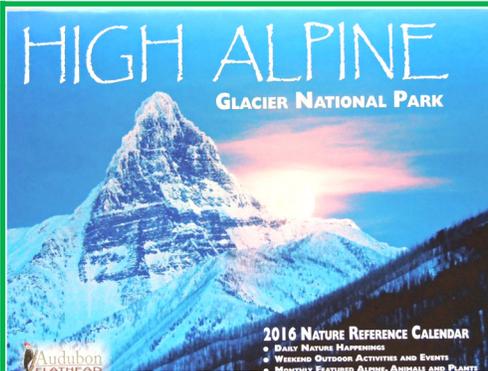
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Finally, if you're a Twitter user, you can follow us at @FlatheadAudubon.



Both Twitter and Facebook are great places to post photos, find out what's going on, ask what bird you're seeing, and get any bird related advice you may need.

See you on the Internet!



High Alpine for Christmas!

HIGH ALPINE is Flathead Audubon's 2016 phenology calendar. It is a calendar about Glacier National Park's tough and fragile terrain, and the wildlife species that live and thrive there.

With brightly colored photos of local animals and plants, it has entries for almost every day of the year that track the chronological order of natural happenings in northwest Montana, and that suggest outdoor activities for every weekend.

HIGH ALPINE is a must for every outdoor enthusiast on your Christmas list. It makes a pretty nice present for yourself too!

HIGH ALPINE is only \$15.



All proceeds go to support the FAS Conservation Education Program.

HIGH ALPINE can be purchased at the December Flathead Audubon meeting.

It can also be picked up at many locations throughout the valley including in Kalispell, Jane Lopp & Associates (call Bob at 752-7026 to arrange for pick up), Snappy's, RMO, Glacier Institute, Lone Pine; in Whitefish, Bookworks; in Bigfork, Brett Thuma Gallery. See the FAS website under Birds for a list of more.



Conservation Education Corner

by Patti Mason

Fall has been a busy time for the FAS Conservation Education Program.

Our October Geology of Northwest Montana talk on the Whitefish Trail had 6 attendees, which was as many as any of the trail talks have gathered. People enjoyed the walk back through time on the way to the Learning Pavilion.

I participated in the recent CORE (Community of Resource Educators) Teacher's Educational Trunk Workshop. Seventeen local teachers attended and gave the Workshop rave reviews. Our FAS Owl Trunk was one of those highlighted, and has now been booked solid for weeks.

The Birds of Montana class at FVCC was a big success. The lectures were arranged according to habitats within broad ecosystems across the whole state. Even from just 3 class periods, evaluations indicated that 100% of the class now appreciate birds more and intend to spend more time watching and learning about birds. Two thirds of the class intends to participate in a field trip or other citizen science op-

portunity in the future. Half have identified changes they want to make to their property to support bird life and 90% support conservation measures more than they used to. This concern to change things on their property is interesting because I did not address backyard birds directly. The relationship with FVCC is very good, and I think holds the potential to expand into teaching other classes.

In November: I gave a presentation to the Sons of Norway on November 7 which was well received. And I am working on completing the allocation of funds from our More Kids in the Woods Grant. Some of the funding will go to the new nature trail at West Valley School, some will be used to create a teacher's educational trunk on native plant gardens (and the birds in them), and some will cover the purchase of 20 binoculars to round out a class set in our Field Studies trunk. The goal is to have the trunk materials gathered by the end of November.

In spring, we will again be offering the Beauty of Birds class at FHS.



Ospreys continued from page 1.

Twenty-one osprey nests were located during the study period. However, only 19 nests were utilized in 2015. Of the occupied nests, 18 were active. Six nests contained one nestling; nine nests contained two chicks; and three nests contained three chicks. There were a total of 33 nestlings, 29 of which successfully fledged (an 88 percent success rate). The number of fledglings per occupied nest is typically expressed in terms of productivity. Thus the productivity of ospreys in the Flathead Valley was 1.5 per active nest site.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology



Bailing twine has become a serious problem for ospreys in the Flathead Valley. Ospreys seem to prefer lining their nests with grass, fishing line, bailing twine (or colored mesh) and other likely materials. As a result, adults and/or chicks may become entangled and often die as a result. Dr. Eric Green, a professor at the University of Montana, has frequently observed adult and/or young ospreys dangling upside down – and dead – from a length of baling twine from the nest sites. I have also personally observed this in the Flathead Valley. Dr. Green reports that an osprey nest that blew down in the Missoula area contained more than a quarter-mile of bailing twine within the nest. This summer, my brother Don—also a biologist and osprey researcher—discovered a dead, half-grown osprey chick in its nest when he was assisting in the banding of young ospreys; the chick was completely tangled in the twine.

Ospreys seem to be drawn to pick up brightly colored, discarded bailing twine from the fields. My summer osprey survey showed six nest sites out of 21 had signs of bailing twine hanging from the nests; other osprey nests may also have had bailing twine within the bowl of the nest that could not be seen by observers.

My goal this winter will be to remove the visible, trailing strings of bailing twine from six of the previously active osprey nests. However, I can only do this at the nesting sites which are not on active power poles; only the local power company is permitted to perform any work on osprey nests on active poles.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Montana's first Sharp-tailed sandpiper was found along North Somers Road in 2002.
- * Muskrats push up plant food through the ice to make a cone.
- * And then elk steal the muskrat food cones on top of the ice
- * Ruffed grouse eat only male Cottonwood and Aspen buds.
- * 11,059 Bohemian Waxwings were counted on the 2001 Kalispell Christmas Bird Count.
- * This was the National high count among Christmas Bird Counts that year.



These are only a few of the tidbits to be found on the November and December pages of Flathead Audubon's 2014 Calendar *Nature Notes of the Northern Rockies*.

Imagine what the new FAS 2015 Calendar **HIGH ALPINE** can teach us! Go back to page 3 to read more about **HIGH ALPINE** and find out how YOU can get one of these marvelous calendars for your self – and also get some your friends for Christmas!



FLATHEAD AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Watch the January and February Pileated Posts — and the Flathead Audubon web site — for winter field trip offerings to Mission and Flathead/Smith Valleys. And the Great Backyard Bird Watch will be coming up in February!

If you would like to share your favorite birding area with others, we love to have new field trip leaders. Experience as field trip leader is not required, just your enthusiasm and love for the birds you know and their habitats. Everyone shares their knowledge on field trips and we all learn together! Contact Kathy Ross, 837-3837, or Gael Bissell, 755-8709, if you would like to lead a field trip. Please to let us know no later than the 10th of the month before you would like to lead a trip so that we can announce it in *The Pileated Post*.

Look forward to hearing from you!



Fall Birding In the Flathead with Craig Hohenberger By Kathy Ross

You may not think of November as a time to be out birding, but fall migration always can have a few surprises even in November.

The November 8 FAS field trip led by Craig Hohenberger was no exception. Long-billed Dowitchers, increasing numbers of Tundra Swans, a Ruddy Duck, and Wood Ducks were some of the highlights. Roughly 30 species were found by the 10 avid birders who participated. An interesting surprise on a Lower Valley pond was a frolicking River Otter.

Thank you Craig and all the bird enthusiasts who joined in for a great morning of birding!



Northwest Montana Christmas Bird Counts

To participate in a Christmas Bird Count, contact the listed person. All phone numbers are area



Count	Date	Contact Information
Bigfork	Saturday, Dec 19	Craig Hohenberger, asoleado2003@yahoo.com 890-1629
Upper Swan	Saturday, Dec 19	Jody Wolff, jmw4002@blackfoot.net 754-4002
Ninepine	Sunday, Dec 20	Brian Williams, brianwilliams406@gmail.com 721-1467
Eureka	Sunday, Dec 20	Lewis & Lynda Young, llyoung@interbel.net , 889-3492
Glacier National Park	Sunday, Dec 20	Primary Compiler/Contact: Lisa Bate, Lisa.Bate@nps.gov 888-7833 Co-compiler: Jami Belt, Jami.Belt@nps.gov 888-7986
Libby	No date set yet.	No contact information at time of publication.
Troy	Saturday, Jan 2	Donald Jones gr8gray@frontiernet.net 295-4291
Kalispell	Sunday, Jan 3	Pete Fisher fisherpete88@yahoo.com 250-9624



42st annual Bigfork Christmas Bird Count

First established in 1974, the Bigfork count circle is centered at the Little Brown Church north of Bigfork, and includes >30 miles of the Swan and Flathead Rivers, the north end of Flathead Lake, and habitats varying from croplands of the Lower Valley to the spruce-fir and cedar-hemlock forests in the Swan and Crane Mountain foothills.

We were the first count in the state to report 90 species (in 2011), and we always find a diverse and surprising mix of birds, with nearly 150 species over the history of the count.

This count typically depends on veteran group leaders to scour their usual areas. We are always looking for additional participants to join in to help us gain a better understanding of our early winter bird populations. We will begin preparation for the count at the FAS December 14th meeting, and will finalize groups before the count day. Contact Craig at asoleado2003@yahoo.com or 406-890-1629.

17th annual Kalispell Christmas Bird Count

Centered at Reserve and Highway 93, the 15-mi diameter count circle includes Evergreen, much of the Flathead River corridor including the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, Happy Valley, Herron Park, and the Kuhn's Wildlife Area.



This count has proven to be a popular New Year's tradition. It is "young" enough that we still have much to discover. And it is "urban" enough to include the homes, bird feeders, and favorite birding spots of many of our members!

Our traditional start is a group breakfast at 7:00 am; **this year we will meet at Finnegan's Restaurant at 660 East Idaho in Kalispell.** It is here that we will finish assigning circle segments and field teams for the day's efforts. If you are interested in participating, please sign up and leave your contact information at the FAS December meeting, or contact Pete at fisherpete88@yahoo.com or 406-250-9624

CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from November 2015 Board Meeting:

- ◇ Heard report on Owen Sowerwine committee activities including a very active weed subcommittee.
- ◇ Heard treasurers report for mid-fiscal year, income and expenses are different than last year.
- ◇ Learned that the traditional December General Meeting Program on the Christmas Bird Count will be presented by Craig Hohenberger and Pete Fisher this year.
- ◇ Watched a presentation on the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch by Dan Casey and Joe Batts. It was a very successful season.
- ◇ The Field Trip Committee reports that they are looking for field trip leaders for next year.
- ◇ Approved proposed changes to FAS website as developed by Jake Bramante, Co-Chair of the Website Committee.
- ◇ Approved \$500 donation to Harlequin Duck research project in Glacier National Park.





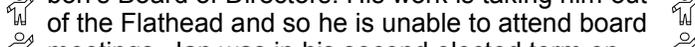
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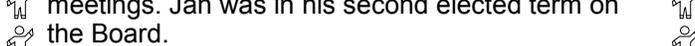
 Jan Wassink has resigned from Flathead Audubon's Board of Directors. His work is taking him out of the Flathead and so he is unable to attend board meetings. Jan was in his second elected term on the Board.

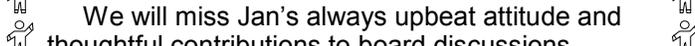


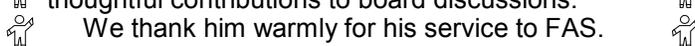
 We will miss Jan's always upbeat attitude and thoughtful contributions to board discussions.



 We thank him warmly for his service to FAS.









Camera left behind at Eureka Field Trip IS IT YOURS?

A little girl with blond hair, a pink fleece jacket, and a big smile – that is decorated by traces of her lunch.

This girl's photo was on a camera left in Lewis Young's pickup during a Flathead Audubon birding field trip around Eureka last June. There are also bird photos on the camera.

If you think this camera might be yours, contact Lewis at 406-889-3492.

THE OWEN SOWERWINE BIRD LIST IS GROWING

By Linda Winnie

15 new species have recently been added to the bird list for Owen Sowerwine Natural Area!

Twelve of these are the result of some detective work by our new Keeper of the OSNA Bird List, Shawn Richmond. When Shawn took on this new job in November, she began digging into ebird records for observation reports of birds at Owen Sowerwine, and came up with 12 that did not yet appear on the List.

Shawn is also responsible for adding two other new species in August, and another one in November, based on her own sightings at Owen Sowerwine.



Shawn Richmond

The Owen Sowerwine Bird List can be found on the FAS website under Conservation/Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. Right now what you'll find there is the latest version just produced by Shawn. Future updates will be posted as they appear, so check the section often to see what new birds have been added.

If the internet is not your cup of tea, you can get the latest version of the Bird List by contacting me (lindawin@centuritel.net or 755-1406).

When you visit Owen Sowerwine and you spot a new species that is not yet on the OSNA Bird List, let Shawn know and she will add it. Her contact information is at the bottom of the List.

For the curious, the twelve new species that Shawn's detective work turned up are Ring-Necked Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, Swainson's Hawk, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Merlin, Northern Shrike, Townsend's Solitaire, Spotted Towhee, American Tree Sparrow, Common Grackle. The three species added by Shawn's own observations are Greater Yellowlegs, Lapland Longspur, and Savannah Sparrow.



Shawn Richmond



Shawn Richmond



Thank You!

...to all those below who have made donations to Flathead Audubon through Mid-November 2015

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Tom and Theresa Quinn Family Fund

On November 7, Flathead Audubon became the recipient of a generous grant from the Tom & Theresa Quinn Family Fund. FAS is grateful to the Quinns for their continued support of our Conservation Education Program.

The Whitefish Community Foundation

The Whitefish Community Foundation has awarded Flathead Audubon a generous grant to help support the Conservation Education Program. We thank the Foundation for their generosity and support.



Funding for the FAS Conservation Education Program comes in part from member donations. If you would like to help, please use the Special Gifts form to the right.

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- ⇒ 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.



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