



Jewel Basin Hawk Watch 2016 – A Great First Half

This fall season marks the 9th year of full-time surveys at the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch, and the second year with Flathead Audubon as the primary sponsor of the effort. Thursday, Oct. 13th marked the 31st survey of the 2016 season, bringing us to 2,417 birds counted. We were on a record pace through the end of September, but the frequent storms in early October put a damper (dampness?) on things. We can only hope that a break in the weather will let us experience the Golden Eagle migration that characterizes the late season flight, and help us reach or exceed our 8-yr average of 2,618 raptors per season.

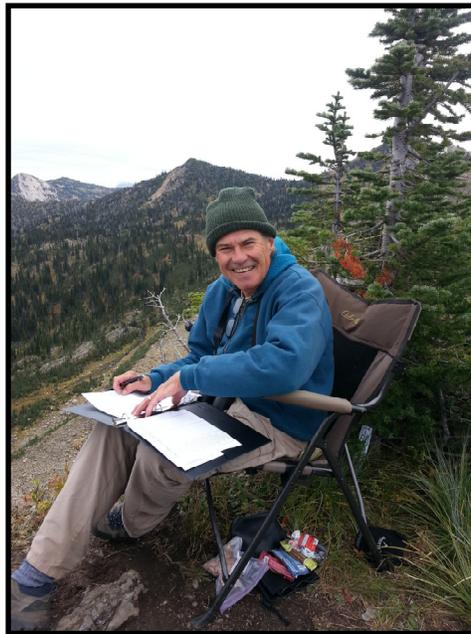
Regardless of how the season ends, we did reach several benchmarks this fall. This was only the second time that we have had four days with >200 birds counted. The first was Sept. 16th (210); the peak of the flight was three consecutive days late in the month (Sept. 25th-27th), when observers counted 255, 244, and 294 birds, respectively. The latter was our fourth best day ever at the Jewel Basin. Our season-long passage rate (through Oct 13th) of 12.8 birds/hr is our highest to date. We have counted

above-average numbers of Cooper's Hawks, Broad-winged Hawks, and Prairie Falcons this year, including new one-day high counts of 71 Cooper's Hawks and 11 Broad-wingeds. And we have now recorded >10,000 Sharp-shinned Hawks, >15,000 Accipiters, and >1,000 falcons over the nine years of surveys.

Of course, all of this would not be possible if not for the continued efforts and dedication of the few paid observers and many volunteers. A total of 28 people have served as "primary observers" over the years, and this year bj Worth surpassed Jewel Basin Hawk Watch founder Dan Casey as the all-time leader in surveys conducted, with 75 since 2008. And Barbara Summer, who first served as a primary observer in 2010, is close behind (72). Dan, Diane Lundgren, Kathy Ross and Lisa Bate also served as primary observers (through Oct 13th), and no fewer than 44 other people assisted during 2016 surveys.

The table on page 8 summarizes the totals from the first 30 surveys of the 2016 season. We will include a final season summary in the December Pileated Post.

By Dan Casey



*bj Worth working as Primary Observer
Photo by Gael Bissell.*

MEETING ROOM CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER

Flathead Audubon's November 14 general meeting will be held in a different room than usual at the Gateway Community Center. For this month only, park on the east side of the Center, near the north end. Enter through the double glass doors marked "26." (Look for the FAS banner.) An easy way to end up in the right spot is to take Meridian Road to the MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks corner, turn west on Two Mile Drive, go one block, turn left and take the first driveway on the right. This room change is for one month only.

NOVEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, November 14, 2016. 7 PM. Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. See page 3 for program. Note room change this month only.

Monday, November 7, 2016. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, 295 3rd Ave EN. All welcome.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

Spruce Grouse (*Falcipennis canadensis*)

By Ellen Horowitz

Spruce Grouse are known by many names: Franklin's grouse, Canada grouse, wood grouse, spruce partridge and black partridge. But the name most people think of when they see this forest dweller is "fool hen" due to its unwary nature and reluctance to fly away from humans. However, the bird's laid-back behavior is what makes Spruce Grouse so enjoyable and easy to watch in the wild – once you locate this camouflage artist.

Spruce Grouse inhabit the northern coniferous forests of North America. In the western quarter of Montana (including the eastern slope of the Continental Divide), they're generally associated with spruce-fir forests. They also inhabit mixed forests of lodgepole pine, Douglas-fir, western larch and ponderosa pine.

One of the places I regularly encounter them is in the woods along the south side of Swiftcurrent and Josephine lakes in Glacier. A Spruce Grouse walking along the trail is easy to spot, but more often it's the soft chicken-like talk of a hen conversing with her chicks that catches my attention. Sometimes, the movement of brush alerts me to the scurrying of young birds along the forest floor. On days when I don't see any, I can't help but wonder if I walked past the cryptically colored bird holding a motionless pose against a backdrop of similarly colored tree trunks and branches. The bird's ability to blend in with the surroundings protects it from an array of predators that include weasels, coyotes, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Northern Goshawks and Barred Owls.

Montana is home to four species of grouse. The dusky, ruffed and spruce are woodland species and the White-tailed Ptarmigan is their alpine



cousin. Two things that set the Spruce Grouse apart from the dusky and ruffed are its close associations with coniferous forests on a year-round basis, and its small size.

A male Spruce Grouse can be recognized by its black throat and breast feathers and bright red eye combs. The overall mottling on the male's back and wing feathers are dark. When fanning his black tail, a row of white spots becomes visible. In contrast, female Spruce Grouse wear earthy grayish-brown colors and barred patterns. At a quick glance, the female might be mistaken for a Ruffed Grouse, but her smaller size and short tail aid in identification.

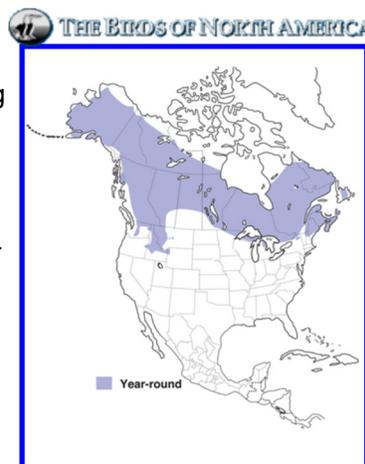
Spruce Grouse feed upon the needles of larch, pine, firs, junipers and spruce as well as leafy plants. The fruits of huck-

leberry and snowberry shrubs and some insects add variety to their diet. Their winter menu consists almost exclusively of conifer needles.

As springtime approaches, the male Spruce Grouse defends his territory by strutting and posturing with fanned tail and by performing an unusual leap and wing-clap display. The sound, a loud CRACK-CRACK, carries for more than 100 yards. (Check out the YouTube video on spruce grouse courtship by FAS member John Ashley.)

The female takes full responsibility for the nest and incubation. The typical nest amounts to a natural depression or shallow scrape on the forest floor located beneath overhanging branches or brush. The female lays four to nine tawny-olive colored eggs covered with brown spots and splashes. After about

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November Program

40 Days in Yellowstone

Presented by Jake Bramante

Jake Bramante will present "40 Days in Yellowstone" at Flathead Audubon's general meeting on Monday, November 14th. While working on his "Day Hikes of Yellowstone National Park" map in 2015,



Jeremie Hollman

Jake took along his camera to document the trails. He'll show videos, pictures, and share stories of the 40 days he spent exploring the park from May through September. Visit the open meadows in the north filled with bison to the waterfall-packed areas in the remote southwest corner along with all of the fantastic geothermal features in between.

Please join us at 7PM in the meeting room of the Gateway Community Center, look for the Flathead Audubon Banner, off US Highway 2 West in Kalispell. The program is free and all are welcome. Jake's maps will be for sale at the event with a portion of the proceeds going to Flathead Audubon.

In 2011, Jake Bramante of Hike 734 became the first person to hike all 734 miles of trail in Glacier National Park in one summer. Through his blog, he found himself answering numerous questions about Glacier and its wonders. In response, he created a driving map and a day hiking map to help Glacier's many visitors explore this magnificent park. He has since created day hiking maps for Zion National Park and Yellowstone National Park and is currently working on a map for Grand Teton National Park.



Jake Bramante

Are You a FLATHEAD AUDUBON FAN?

Here are two easy ways you can help your chapter, with no cost to you and just a few minutes of your time.

www.Smile.Amazon.com is quick and easy. Click on the link and either put in your email address and Amazon password or click Create an Account. Designate Flathead Audubon Society as your nonprofit of choice. You won't receive spam or marketing emails and a portion of the amounts you spend is rebated to Flathead Audubon.

Smith's Community Rewards: Anybody with a Smith's card can either sign into their account or create a new account. Then click on your name and scroll to the bottom to select Community Rewards, type in our Organization Number – 47931 – and click Enroll. FAS will receive a rebate based on the amount everyone spends.

Are these huge money-makers for Flathead Audubon? No, but we are very careful with our funds, so every penny counts. Thanks for helping out!



Glass Recycling in the Flathead



There are two places in the Flathead that recycle glass:

Glacier National Park Lodges Drop-Off Site, 1014 1st Ave W, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Bins for glass are located behind warehouse (which is the old IGA store, next to Montana Coffee Traders). Open 24 hours, every day.

New World Recycling, 4969 US-2, Columbia

Falls, MT 59912 (2 miles north of Glacier Airport, look for sign on left side of hiway). Drop glass in bright green shed located in driveway. Open 7 AM-9PM, every day. 406-257-5899,

www.newworldrecyclingmt.com

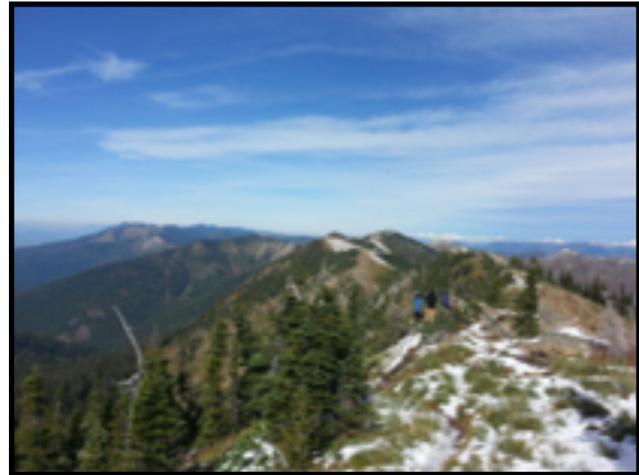
Comprehensive information on all recycling in the Flathead (what and where) is available at <http://www.wastenotproject.org/>.

From the Board

THE WONDER OF HAWKWATCHING

We are so fortunate in the Flathead Valley to have the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch site right out our backdoor (and up the hill a bit...). I often look at the passion I have for being on the ridge and monitoring the migrating raptors. What is it that drives me to keep returning and that desire to see just one more raptor flying its path? It is a relatively short season and busy with activity. The wonder of watching Sharp-shinned Hawks attack the owl; not to mention the possibility of seeing over 100 sharpies in one day, or watching sharpies and Cooper's Hawks flying side by side for a great study in their differences. The busy days have their own special quality and challenge, as the birds emerge like popcorn popping from the gap. And then there are those special days when they fly right over the ridge and are so very close.

I always end the season with some lasting scenes in my mind. So far this year it has been a Black Merlin that attacked the owl 10 times—what an



*View from the Hawk Watch site
Photo by Gael Bissell*



*Northern Goshawk juvenile
Photo by bj Worth*

incredibly gorgeous bird! And then there was the immature Goshawk (a very large one) that came into the owl with wings totally spread wide, breast and belly facing us and talons reaching down for the owl; a WOW moment. Finally, two days ago, I was moving to different locations on the ridge due to the cold and had a Prairie Falcon lift up over the edge to end up right in front of me eye to eye. It only lasted a second before it screeched and veered off, but it was awe inspiring.

I could go on and on about all the wonderful moments on the ridge. Dan Casey, by founding this site, has given joy to many, many people, myself included. So finally, I just want to say thanks to Dan and thanks to all the wonderful Hawk Watchers who share this passion.

By Barbara Summer, Board Member

Vent Screen Project to Reduce Bird Entrapment

Last spring the FAS Board of Directors approved the purchase of 10 vent screens that prevent the entrapment and death of birds and bats in outhouses. Studies across the West have shown that



Lewis Young

large numbers of birds, especially cavity-nesting species such as bluebirds and small owls, are frequently trapped and die because they enter the vent pipes to explore the potential cavities, then can't get back up the slick sided vent pipes.

In July, Kootenai National Forest wildlife technician Dereck DeShazer (in photo) and I installed the

FAS purchased vent screens on Forest Service outhouse vents in the Eureka area. The Forest Service has an ongoing program to screen all their vent pipes and the FAS vent screens helps get closer to that goal and reduce the number of birds being entrapped.



Lewis Young

By Lewis Young, Conservation Chair

Conservation Educator's Corner

By Denny Olson

Things are calming down a bit since Birds of Prey Festival and our Mentoring and Monitoring Day, doing science and “woods-detective” training in the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area with 28 high-schoolers mentoring 28 elementary kids. So far, in my brief tenure, we have served 616 people in our programs – a good start to the fiscal year!

While working up to Christmas Bird Counts, Winter Trails Day, Great Backyard Bird Count, Migratory Bird Day, FVCC Seniors Institute and Beauty of Birds, I finally have some time to look back and ahead, and reflect a bit on much broader issues.

At social events, even with relatives, when I describe myself as a “bird nerd”, or “bird geek” and am overtly proud of my “bird brain”, they look up from their smart phones – perhaps for the first time that day – and stare at me like I’m from Mars. “You *what?*”

For a large majority of Americans, birds fly by, unnoticed, and an outdoor cacophony of bird song is simply white noise. Birds are, well, just there.

“What’s so important about birds?” (So happy you asked. And, I’m so ready for that question ...)

First of all, the music we listen to from our smart phones would not even exist without birds. We don’t come naturally to anything but grunts and guttural screams. Complex pitch changes, harmony, inflection, consonant – perhaps even our *language* – evolved under the influence of good teachers, far more accomplished in the world of sound and its meaning than we are even today.



There are an estimated ten quintillion insects in the world (that’s 19 zeroes). There are 6 billion of us, so we are outnumbered about three-hundred billion to one. Not good odds. Lucky for us, there are four hundred billion birds in the world, many of whom eat insects, some as many as 2000 each day. They’re on *our* side. I’ll put up with a little poop on the car for that kind of trade. They save farmers and the rest of us trillions of dollars, save forests, and greatly slow

the spread of diseases.

Of the roughly 10,500 species of birds, on the average, about 144 species go extinct every year now, a much higher rate than “normal” rates of extinction in the geologic record.

Birds also offer free shipping (for seeds, pollen and nutrients). Many, many, many plants are completely dependent on birds. And, most animals on earth are completely dependent on plants for air quality, slowing soil erosion and pretty much all of our food.

Scavenger birds like vultures, ravens and



magpies are the primary cleanup crew. They are followed by tens of thousands of assistants in turning death back into life -- in the cycle which allows life to go on. Even after a few weeks without that crew, can you imagine the smell?

Birds are indicators; if they successfully raise chicks in whatever environment they inhabit, we can rest relatively assured that that place is probably healthy. Like the proverbial canaries in the coal mine, they are often an early warning system for problems in our life-support system.

Bird watching (by us geeks), contributes 82 billion dollars to our American economy every year, 10 billion to our government coffers, and employs 600,000 people. It is the fastest-growing outdoor recreational pursuit, by a wide margin.

How many artists have been inspired by birds, who then proceed to inspire us with their music and their art? They are eye-candy -- and they *fly!* Bird watching helps maintain good mental health, helps us learn faster, keeps us physically healthier, and enriches our hearts. Without them we wouldn’t just be poorer. We’d be dead.

So, what good are they? Well, by their example, they can certainly remind us to ask the same question about ourselves...

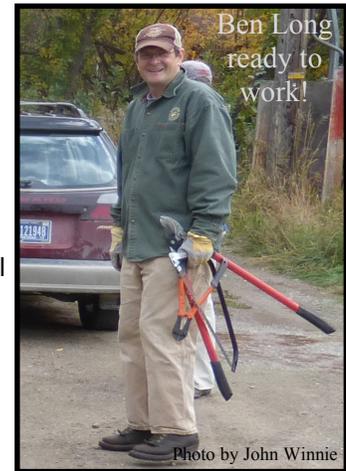
Owen Sowerwine Work Day

Saturday morning, 24 September, 20 intrepid Flathead Audubon volunteers met at the Montessori School and indulged in some home-made treats, thanks to Kay and Barbara. Great to see old faces.

From there, we headed to the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area for our annual fun-day. Having divided into several crews, we attacked several different projects with gusto. In addition to the perpetual weed-pulling and mowing of trails, a team demarcated a previously unmarked property line. Visitors to OSNA may note the metal fence posts topped with orange flagging along a short stretch near the meadow – this is the correct property line. Another team cut branches that have been overhanging a neighbor's property. Brent had some difficulty starting the mower, so only the Mainland Trail was mowed this fall. With winter coming on, we will reassess that need in the spring. Denny, Kay and Ben located and prepped our permanent vegetation monitoring plots for the upcoming

Mentoring Program.

And so, by just after noon, another OSNA fun-day came to a close. Thanks to everyone who gave up a Saturday morning to improve and maintain the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. And a special thanks to the Montessori School for allowing us to congregate in their facility; it makes logistics so much easier. Although the date is not yet set, keep your calendar open as we'll do this again next fall. *By Bob Lee*



Help Preserve Flathead Crane Staging Area

Flathead Land Trust is working to conserve a 400-acre portion of the Sandhill Crane staging area in West Valley. Laura Katzman of the Land Trust reported on this project at our October meeting. Here is a short summary for those who missed her presentation.

Large numbers of Sandhill Cranes, at times more than 400 birds, gather each fall in a four square mile migration staging area in West Valley. This unique mix of pothole lake wetland habitat and open farmland is the only known staging area for Sandhills in the Flathead. It also provides important habitat for 143 other bird species including Northern Pintail, American Widgeon, Cinnamon Teal, Lesser Scaup, Trumpeter



Swan, and Tundra Swan. The area is only 2 miles from the growing northwest side of Kalispell, which means we could lose this unique habitat and the surrounding farmland to development before long.

Flathead Land Trust is working to secure permanent conservation of a 400-acre portion of this staging area, while also preserving a family farming legacy that is part of our agricultural heritage in West Valley. The Trust has already secured a large part of the funding needed for the project through grants and major donations, and is now seeking community help to obtain the rest.

For more information on the project and on how you can help see flatheadlandtrust.org.

FALL/WINTER FIELD TRIPS FOR YOU!

All Flathead Audubon 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 Cory Davis, 257-3166 or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the Flathead Audubon general meetings and on www.FlatheadAudubon.org.



NO FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER. December will have numerous Christmas Bird Counts so watch here for places and dates.

Osprey Talk Science on Tap—Flathead

“Osprey – Sentinels of our Aquatic Ecosystems,” a talk by Eric Greene, will be featured at the November session of *Science on Tap – Flathead*. This session will be November 1, at 6 PM, at the Flathead Lake Brewing Company.

Greene is Professor of Wildlife Biology at the University of Montana. He is well known for his research on bird alarm calls and their significance to other birds and other animals, as well as for his work on Osprey – both research and rescue.

Science on Tap – Flathead is a series of monthly talks sponsored jointly by the Flathead Lakers, the Flathead Biological Station, and the Flathead Lake Brewing Company, in order to “begin a conversation with our community, to present science in a fun and approachable way, and to communicate and share together our love and respect for this incredible place we live.” For more information on the series and to sign up for monthly email announcements of upcoming topics, visit www.scienceontapflathead.org/.

West Valley Naturalists

If you happened to have missed the FAS program last month then be sure to come to the West Valley Naturalists meeting on November 17 at 7 PM. We will be meeting at West Valley School (2290 Farm to Market Rd, Kalispell) in the Commons area and there will be guides to show you the way. It is free and all are welcome, especially FAS members!

Laura Katzman will focus on the Flathead Land Trust project that is underway to conserve almost 400 acres of crucial Sandhill Crane habitat in the West Valley. Find out about a proposed bird viewing area and education site overlooking a 45-acre pothole wet-



Frank de Kort

land that is part of this project and what you can do to help bring the project to fruition. The presentation will include information about a four square mile area in the West Valley in which this project is located that is ecologically significant for tens of thousands of migratory waterfowl, 20 species of shorebirds, and hundreds of Sandhill Cranes. Laura will also share information about the life history of these elegant birds. Laura kindly led an evening field trip to this area on Oct. 1st at sunset where more than 300 cranes were seen.

By Linda de Kort

CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from October 2016 Board Meeting

- Heard and accepted treasurers report. Largest single expense was for Wiley Dike Blind Construction.
- Heard Denny Olson’s Education Report outlining numerous activities throughout the summer and upcoming activities.
- Discussed potential recipients of the Conservation Achievement Recognition Award.
- Heard report that membership is about normal for this time of year.
- Heard that Hawk Watch is going well with over 2000 raptors being recorded so far.
- Heard that 20 people attended OSNA workday and several tasks were accomplished.
- Bob Lee reported on MT Audubon meeting that included Great Falls being selected for next Bird Festival and that Steve Hoffman is retiring as Executive Director.
- Website committee is now chaired by Jake Bramante and memberships may be renewed online.

Tips and How-To's

Five Handy Tricks for Photographing Raptors in Flight

Not sure where to start? These quick tips will help you master the technique.

From Audubon Magazine

- 1) Shoot at the fastest shutter speed possible. Raise your ISO settings to the highest level (but not so high that you're getting noise) and set your f-stop to the lowest setting. Use proper autofocus settings for fast-moving subjects.
- 2) Acquire your moving subject by following it with the camera's hot shoe (where you mount the flash unit) and lens front, keeping your eyes just above the camera body. When the raptor lines up with both of these, move your eye to the viewfinder.
- 3) Ensure synchronous panning by keeping the subject in the exact same location in your viewfinder while tracking the raptor's movements.
- 4) Try shooting in manual mode when you have a changing background. It allows you to find the perfect exposure for light or dark birds and keep it constant as the raptor moves.
- 5) Dress in camouflage or muted earth-tone colors, and don't move when a raptor approaches. The phrase "eyes like a hawk" is not an exaggeration. Between shots, keep a hand-held camera near your chin to reduce extra motion, or if using a tripod, keep your eyes just above the viewfinder.



Rough-legged Hawk by Ron Dudley

Become an Armchair Activist

As the legislature faces tough problems concerning wildlife and the environment we need as many conservationists and Audubon Chapter members as possible calling their Representatives and Senators to encourage them to vote responsibly. When local input is needed, Montana Audubon will contact you by email, explain the issue, explain how and why to take action, and let you know which legislators to contact for needed encouragement.

We limit the use of the action alert program to the most critical issues, but they provide a powerful way to make our voice heard.

Please assist us with our efforts this year! Find out more at <www.mtaudubon.org>, or by emailing Amy (aseaman@mtaudubon.org) where you can sign up to be an Armchair Activist and find out how your legislators voted last session! *By Amy Seaman*

Hawk Watch Summary continued from page 1

Species	Total	Species	Total	Species	Total
Turkey Vulture	0	Broad-winged Hawk	27	Merlin	14
Osprey	5	Swainson's Hawk	0	Peregrine Falcon	13
Bald Eagle	33	Red-tailed Hawk	171	Prairie Falcon	9
Northern Harrier	36	Ferruginous Hawk	1	Gyr Falcon	0
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1207	Rough-legged Hawk	11	Unidentified Falcon	2
Cooper's Hawk	471	Unidentified Buteo	10	Unidentified Eagle	1
Northern Goshawk	32	Golden Eagle	207	Unidentified Raptor	15
Unidentified Accipiter	89	American Kestrel	58	Total	2417

Spruce Grouse continued from page 2

21 days, the eggs hatch, and the precocial young are open-eyed and ready to go.

My favorite encounter with Spruce Grouse occurred years ago. As my husband lead our pack string of mules down the trail, he inadvertently spooked a group of very young grouse chicks which flutter-ran to the base of a tree. About 10 to 15 seconds later a small, plump, stubby-winged creature flew toward me from the opposite side of the trail at an altitude of about four feet above the ground. An exhausted baby spruce grouse landed in my hand and rode on my lap a few strides down the trail before flying back to reunite with its family.

Call them fool hens if you wish. For me, Spruce Grouse are the ultimate in up close and personal bird watching.

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS ON FLATHEAD AUDUBON WEBSITE

Field trip reports of fall trips are available on the Flathead Audubon Website. Learn what happened at the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch Trip in September and the Golden Eagle Migration in Glacier Park in October. www.FlatheadAudubon.org



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Thanks again. *Mike Fanning, Membership Chair*

Updated Bird List for Owen Sowerwine Natural Area

A new species has been added to the Owen Sowerwine Bird List! Dan Casey reported seeing a Red-head on his last trip to OSNA. The newly updated list is on the FAS website in the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area section. Thank you Shawn Richmond for keeping our list up-to-date.



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