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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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BOARD of DIRECTORS dinner-meeting, 5:30 p.m.
at Leivo's Lake Lodge in Bigfork.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, downstairs meeting
room, Flathead Bank of Bigfork.
7:30 p.m., Business meeting.
8:00 p.m., Program. Marcy Bishop will
present a slide program on her research
work in Kenya, Africa. This is bound to
be of interest to bird watchers and
travelers alike.

FIELD TRIP: SWAN RIVER NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE.
MEET: SWAN LAKE CHAPEL, 8:00 a.m.
This will be a day hike on the refuge, as
prescribed by the refuge manager, to view
bald eagles, swans, geese, and as assort-
ment of smaller birds during the nesting
season. CONTACT: Elly Jones, 886-2244.

THE MONTANA WILDLANDS ROAD SHOW will be presented by Bill Cunningham and
Jim Richard at Christ Episcopal Church, 3rd Avenue & 2nd Street,
Kalispell, at 7:30 p.m. Bill and Jim will explain and discuss the
current (and probably the last) Wilderness Bill for the state of
Montana. Please attend.

BIRDATHON * * JUNE 2 * * BIRDATHON * * JUNE 2 * * BIRDATHON * * JUNE 2

The day of the 1983 Birdathon dawned clear and beautiful. It
was 5:45 AM when I left my house and headed for Marcy Bishop's place.
We wanted to start our marathon birding trip by 6:00 AM and I didn't
want to hold us up. Our goal was to see 100 different species of
birds; but alas, as the day ended at about 9:45 PM we had 96.... 4
short of our goal. That just set our jaws a little firmer for 100
birds in 1984.

The Birdathon is our favorite birding day! We plan our route
to include as many different habitats as possible. Starting at a
woodland pothole (Bird-Pinkney Marsh), we travel to the park-like
area around Kerr Dam for colorful tanagers and orioles. Pablo and
Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuges and the state wildlife management
areas which our chapter just adopted are, of course, on our route.
We travel as far south as the National Bison Range and cover all the
country roads in between. On past trips we have found nesting
Swainson's Hawks, tracked long-billed curlews and were delightfully
surprised at the opportunity of observing 3 different types of
hummingbirds literally swarming around a blooming bush.

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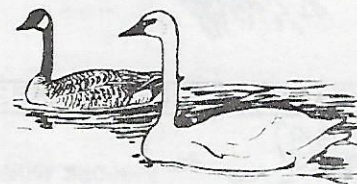
AUDUBON SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

The summer field trip schedule has shaped up to be a most interesting collection of trips, varying in length from one to five days. The overnight trips will require that participants bring their own sleeping gear, a tent, and food, unless otherwise noted. Bring a sack lunch for the one day trips. please contact the trip leader in advance to confirm dates and times listed.

June 9 (Sat.) SWAN RIVER REFUGE

Meet: Swan Lake Chapel, 8:00 a.m.

A canoe trip through the heart of the Swan River Refuge. The Refuge manager, Robin Magaddino, will take us via the calmest portion of the Swan River to witness our adopted refuge at its most sublime. Bring your own canoe. CONTACT: Robin Magaddino, 837-4294



June 16 (Sat.) NINEPIPE REFUGE

Meet: 7:00 a.m., Flathead Bank, Bigfork
8:00 a.m., Riverside Park, Polson

F.A.S. hopes to make this an adopted refuge. We plan to travel about the refuge with a representative from the National Wildlife Service. Ninepipe is a large manmade lake which provides excellent nest sites for many species, including ducks, geese, double crested cormorants, pelicans and others. This trip is always a spectacular day for the birdwatcher. CONTACT: Lynn Kelly, 883-5797

June 23 (Sat.) NATIONAL BISON RANGE

Located near Charlo, MT, the National Bison Range provides thousands of acres as a home for big game and non-game alike. A buffalo herd of over 300, mule deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and lots more can be seen in a day on the Bison Range. Bring your spotting scope. CONTACT: Marcy Bishop, 883-4146

June 30 (Sat.) JEAN ROBOCKER'S HOME

Jean's home is near the Flathead River in the heart of the Flathead Valley. One can expect to see lots of warblers and thrushes as well as the larger birds along the river. An easy walk and an excellent birding spot, located at 1655 Montford Rd., Kalispell. CONTACT: Jean Robocker, 755-2751

July 4-8 (Wed.-Sun.) BOND-INSPIRATION

A joint Audubon-M.W.A. hike to explore the proposed wildlands of the Swan Range. A five day, four night trip along the ridges and peaks of the Swan Range from Bond Lake to Inspiration Pass. Expect to see many alpine birds and wildlife. CONTACT: Dave Hudak, 755-3752 or John Gatchell, 892-3543

July 14-15 (Sat.-Sun.) CROWN BUTTE

Meet: 8:00 a.m., Little Brown Church north of Bigfork

The Nature Conservancy owns a large butte near Simms. It is prime grassland habitat and a completely different assembly of birdlife than occurs in most of this valley. Camp, or drive in to Great Falls for the night. CONTACT: Jean Robocker, 755-2751

AUDUBON SUMMER FIELD TRIPS (continued)

July 20-22 (Fri.-Sun.) YELLOWSTONE PARK

The Montana Audubon Council summer outing, held this year in connection with the Yellowstone Institute. Dr. Donald Streubel will conduct field trips and lecture on the birds and small mammals of the Yellowstone area. Will seek out trumpeter swans, harlequin ducks, three toed woodpeckers, Williamson's sapsucker and more. Cost, \$65.00, payable to Montana Audubon Council. CONTACT: Cary Lund, 425 Clarke St., Helena, MT 59601

July 28 (Sat.) LION CREEK

Meet: Swan Lake Alpine Cafe, 8:00 a.m.

Lion Creek Drainage is located in the falls area of the Swan Range. Prime old growth of the type prized by birdwatchers and naturalists abounds here. Old cedar stand and a series of waterfalls are some of the reasons why this area was included in the proposed Swan Range Wilderness Area. CONTACT: John Mundinger, 755-9054

August 11 (Sat.) JEWEL BASIN HIKING AREA

Meet: Swan River Hall, 8:00 a.m.

This trip depends on whether we can use the road, because of planned reconstruction for a timber sale. Bring a 4 wheel drive vehicle. CONTACT: Dave Hudak, 755-3752

NEWSLETTER VACATION

The next issue of The Pileated Post will not be published until September of this year. Likewise, our next meeting (following the regular May meeting) will be in September on the second Monday. Be sure to keep this issue for the field trip information; we hope to see you on at least a few of these good outings.

Have a wonderful summer!

BIRDATHON (continued)

Any way you cut it, the Birdathon is GREAT FUN!! If you are afraid to ask friends and family to sponsor you - DON'T BE! Once people discover that (1) you are for real!

(2) the money goes for research and education on all three levels of Audubon (National, Regional and Local)

(3) all you want is a nickel or dime per species of bird...they usually are very willing to sponsor you. If you are refused, don't take yourself so seriously. Gather up your courage and go ask someone else!

I would like to personally challenge each of you to participate in the 1984 Birdathon. This year our birdathon will be held on June second. For best results, find a partner and as many sponsors as you can. Make up a route and GO FOR IT! You don't have to spend 15 hours like Marcy and I. Just go out and have a great time and see as many birds as possible. Just think...this is one day that you can go birdwatching and get paid for it! WOW!

Lynn Kelly

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