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BOARD OF DIRECTORS dinner meeting 5:30 PM at Streeter's Korner Kitchen, Bigfork. Open to all interested members.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Flathead Bank of Bigfork meeting room. 7:30 PM Business meeting. 8:00 PM Program--Biologist Jay Crenshaw, who tracked the migration of whooping cranes from Saskatchewan to Texas in 1983 and 1984 will present a slide program on his work, which was performed under the direction of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Montana.



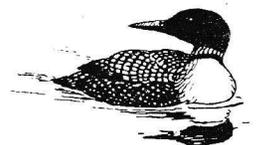
MONTANA AUDUBON COUNCIL MEETING, Hamilton, Montana, September 26-28. Hosted by Bitterroot Audubon. Agenda enclosed.

EDITOR'S DESK

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It's been a while since I've sat at this desk to write anything but a check, and that only often enough to keep the bills from inundating my place. For me those lazy, hazy days of summer were never meant for lolligaging around the house. Can't say I've read a book or written a letter in three months. Not when the Flatheads' emerald waters, sparkling beaches and elusive cutthroats beckon just across the valley. We dipped our paddles there often, or on up in the shining lakes of the Stillwater where loons call. From our camp on a rocky point commanding a view westward across a lake we felt was our own we watched the sun go down on the longest day of the year while the vesper song of Swainson's thrush purred and bubbled from the forest like newly born springs. How we looked forward to summer at that moment--mountain rambles in the high alpine, canoe voyages through blue days, a dry fly drifting on shadowed trout streams. Now with August rolling into September those days have already come and gone, transformed into memories as tranquil as the thrushes of late summer.

Time to reconvene. To gather, even as the birds do, from the places of solitude we may have found in the mountains and rivers. Time to carry on with the good work of teaching ourselves to share the earth. Welcome to the head of the class Robin. As our new president we hope you enjoy orchestrating this varied collection of inspired citizens who are Flathead Audubon.



Dryocopus pileatus

A bunch of us were sitting around the old campin' fire one evening in early August. We were just off the Swan Crest, close to a cirque lake tucked up against a western facing mountain. Sunset lingered in hues of salmon across dark ridges. Our camp, situated within a grove of looming spruce, was soon visited by a pair of pygmy owls who whistled in unison from the tops of the old trees and would occasionally drift from crown to crown on soft wings, bouyant as moths. This brought the conversation around to birds-- my forte, or so I thought until one of the gals asked me to correctly pronounce the name of that surprisingly large woodpecker we've chosen for our logo--the pileated woodpecker.

I've become rather skittish around this question. For one reason or another I've always assumed the only pronunciation for the bird was just the way I've always pronounced it, which is with a short i of course, as in "pill", or something you take to feel better. Lately however, I've begun to encounter an occasional highbrow who scoffs at my naivete and lack of scholarship, and who blithely pronounces our bird with a long i as in "pie", or apple. I've begun to feel a tad clumsy about the whole thing and have taken to saying it both ways, such as, "Holy smokes, would you take a gander at that beautiful pileated I mean piealated woodpecker over there". Better indecisive than ignorant I figure, and this way everybody's happy-- and baffled. Anyway, after some discussion about Latin derivations and such esoterica, our group was solidly divided into three camps: the pills, the pies, and the couldn't give a hoots--with the majority gravitating toward the latter. Nevertheless, I vowed to settle it once and for all and consult, at my first opportunity, the undisputed authority--John K. Terres' Audubon Society ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

True to my word I have before me at this moment exactly that compendium of bird lore which is all the ornithology I'll ever need, short of the living, breathing, befeathered creatures abundantly populated across the face of the earth. Thus, if you'll turn to page 1024 I shall quote:

Woodpecker, pileated, *Dryocopus pileatus* (dry-CCK-oh-pus pie-leh-AY-tus); genus name: from Greek "drys" a tree, especially an oak and "kopis", cleaver, whence "tree cleaver" or "wood cutter"; species name: Latin, capped, i.e., crested, in reference to its large crest; common name pronounced PIE-leh-ated OR!! (emphasis mine) PII-eh-ated.

There you have it, and straight from the horses mouth. We're both right. And fortunate indeed to have this flamboyant woodpecker at home in the deep forests of Montana.

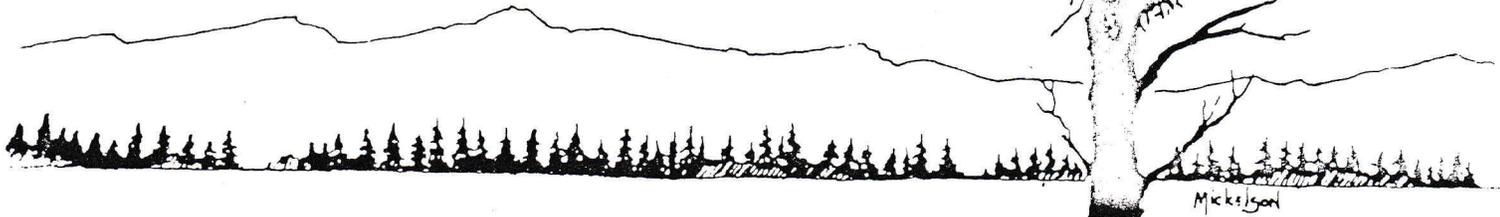


MONTANA AUDUBON COUNCIL MEETING

HAMILTON, MONTANA

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1986

HOSTED BY BITTERROOT AUDUBON



SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 PM WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL, RIVER STREET
DANCE THEATER, 2ND AND RIVER STREETS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 - 10:00 AM FIELD TRIP, LEE METCALF WILDLIFE REFUGE

10:00 AM - NOON, 1:30 - 3:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING,
(NOON - 1:30 CATERED LUNCHEON) MONTANA POWER BUILDING HIWAY 93 S.

4:00 - 7:00 PM FIELD TRIP, BLODGETT CANYON

7:00 PM BANQUET, THE FRONT DOOR DELI.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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9:00 - 10:30 BREAKFAST, THE COFFEE CUP CAFE.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. LES PENBELLY, PROFESSOR OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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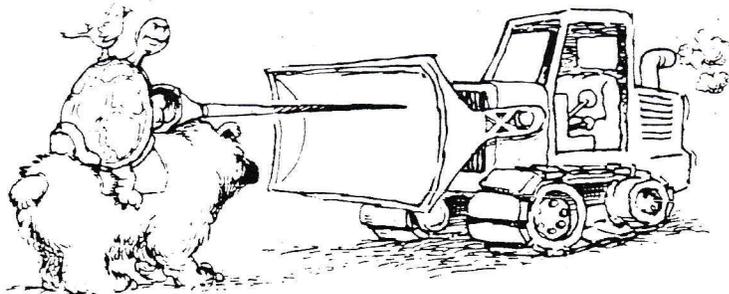


The Audubon Wildlife Report 1986, second in an annual series, features the U.S. Forest Service in a lead chapter that could stand alone as a complete book. A comprehensive guide to wildlife management, the 1,000-page book continues the 1985 volume's in-depth coverage of such topics as marine mammal and endangered species management, wetlands protection, and migratory bird conservation. Information on federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, is updated and expanded.

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ANNUAL SUNFLOWER SEED SALE

Tommie Clark has made arrangements with Mr. Barber of Denton, Montana to supply us again with sunflower seeds for the fall of 1986. A 50 lb sack of the small, black oil seed will again go for \$15/sack, while a limited number of 50 lb sacks of the larger, striped, novelty seed will sell for \$16/sack. We're shooting for a November 8th delivery date in Kalispell and Bigfork and will be needing volunteers to pick up sacks for delivery to Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Polson, and Libby. If you can volunteer part of a day to help with moving these seeds please call Barb Baxter at 857-3738 or Tommie Clark at 837-6615. Otherwise, tally up what you think your chickadees will eat and order a sack or two or three. Order and money will be due by October 27th.

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