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EXECUTIVE BOARD dinner meeting, 5:30 PM, at Marina Cay.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, downstairs meeting room, Flathead Bank of Bigfork. The program will be presented by RAY WASHTAK, who is the new Refuge manager for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Ray came here from Nebraska and will compare the waterfowl management practices used there with those used in the Flathead. In addition to hearing this interesting program we will have an opportunity to become acquainted with Robin Magaddino's successor.

**BIRDATHON:** A day for celebrating our heritage by observing birds and raising funds on behalf of the birds.

Audubon Chapters throughout the nation will be participating in the annual Birdathon of the National Audubon Society this spring. The weekend of April 27th has been designated nationally as the date for this event. Flathead Audubon will be joining in this effort on May 18th.

The Birdathon involves obtaining pledges from friends, co-workers, Audubon members, etc., based on the number of bird species one may see while birding in one trip. One may spend a whole day or part of a day. While a group field trip is an enjoyable manner in which to do this, you are free to pick your own time and place. The monies pledged must be turned in by June 10th.

The monies raised are shared by the local chapter and the regional office. Locally, the monies are used for educational purposes.

For more information please contact Tommie Clark at 837-6615.

## CALENDAR

- April 29 - Bigfork Inn - 6:00 PM. Meet with Bob Turner from the Regional Office in Denver. No host dinner.
- May 3-5 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT WORKSHOP. Circle 8 Ranch west of Choteau. See March Pileated Post for details.
- May 11 & May 25 - Field Trips. See details on page 2.
- June 16-21 - NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY BIENNIAL CONVENTION. Silver Bay, NY. See Audubon Action for details.

## FIELD TRIPS

Nine outstanding birding opportunities are on our spring/summer schedule. Please contact the trip leader in advance to confirm dates and times listed. All interested persons are invited to attend.

- May 11 - PLEASANT VALLEY OUTING sponsored by Libby Bird Club. Meet 8:00 AM at Happy's Inn, Route 2, about 45 miles west of Kalispell. One day trip - sack lunch. CONTACT: Jean Habeck, 293-4075 or Marjorie Swanson, 293-5330.
- May 25 - SQUEEZER CREEK DRAINAGE - Swan Valley. Excellent birding potential. Group members will investigate possibility for a permanent birding trail here. Membership participation encouraged. Meet 7:00 AM, Flathead Bank. One day trip, sack lunch. CONTACT: Jack Whitney, 837-4459 or Elmer Sprunger, 837-6613.
- June 8 - ROBOCKER HOME. Birding along the Flathead River is excellent from this home on the east side near Egan Slough. 3 hour easy walk in Warbler Country. Meet 7:00 AM. CONTACT: Jean Robocker, 755-2751.
- June <sup>29</sup>~~28~~ - LOWER FLATHEAD RIVER. An over night canoe trip starting at Kerr Dam. Supply your own canoe and gear. Jim Thormølen will guide. CONTACT: Bob Ballou, 644-2365.
- June 22 - SWAN RIVER REFUGE. A one day canoe trip through the refuge. Bring a canoe and lunch - binoculars of course! Meet 7:00 AM Swan Village Church. CONTACT: Elly Jones, 886-2244.
- June <sup>15</sup>~~24~~ - NINEPIPE REFUGE (tentative date). This National Wildlife Refuge abounds with migratory birds. Cormorant, pelican, geese, ducks. Good viewing locations. Bring spotting scope, sack lunch. Meet 8:00 AM, 4B's, Polson. CONTACT: Lynn Kelly, 883-5797.
- July 20 - JEWEL BASIN HIKING AREA. An annual tradition. Our friends in the Rocky Mountain Region will be happy to hear that the road has been fully rebuilt. An easy drive this year, so come and join us! One day trip, bring sack lunch; or overnight, bring camping gear and food. CONTACT: Dave Hudak, 755-3752.
- August 15-18 - LION CREEK INTO THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS. An extension of last year's one day lion creek hike. Spectacular views of both the wilderness and the Swan Valley from Lion Creek pass. We will spend 3 or 4 days exploring this unique area around Swan Peak, perhaps even climb Swan Peak. Expect to walk 30-40 miles. Bring: tent, bag, good pack and food. CONTACT: D. Hudak, 755-3752.
- MORE ABOUT MAY 25th OUTING: Jack Whitney and Elmer Sprunger talked to Glen Gray, Field Supervisor, Swan River State Forest. Glen seems receptive to use of this area by bird watchers and would like some input by Audubon - suggestions about how State Forest should handle management of this area. There should be a trail looping through a swamp area with small foot bridges and signs. People of ALL ages can enjoy this area. Jack and Elmer observed more than 27 species here last summer, including a nesting white robin.

**KEEP AN EYE ON WORLD OF AUDUBON  
TWO NEW PROGRAMS COMING THIS SUMMER**

- Florida Wildlife
- California Condors
- Roger Tory Peterson
- Chesapeake Bay
- Peregrine Falcons
- Texas' African Wildlife
- Audubon's Wardens
- Idaho's Wilderness

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June 24 at 8:05 PM Eastern	August 29 at 8:05 PM Eastern
June 30 at 3:00 PM Eastern	September 7 at 7:05 PM Eastern
July 7 at 1:05 PM Eastern	September 10 at 9:30 PM Pacific
July 9 at 9:05 PM Pacific	September 15 at 1:05 PM Eastern

Check cable listings for channel

THE AUDUBON PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

John James Audubon was born on April 26, 1785 and died in 1851. After his death, his wife Lucy, who was Audubon's one constant support throughout his turbulent life, continued to support his work. In 1868, at the age of 70, she was still teaching at her home. She used Audubon's art as teaching aids. One of her students, George Bird Grinnell, was so impressed with Audubon's work that he founded the Audubon Society in 1886. Today the society consists of over 500 Chapters with 550,000 members.

During this time of celebration and reflection upon our organization as a whole, it is appropriate to reconsider what it really means to belong to the National Audubon Society. Here is a partial list of Audubon's philosophy and goals:

THE AUDUBON PHILOSOPHY

We believe in the wisdom of the design seen in nature.

We know that soil, water, plants and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life.

We recognize that each living thing links to many others in the chain of nature.

We believe that persistent research into the intricate patterns of outdoor life will help to assure wise use of the earth's resources.

We condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost. We believe that every generation should be able to experience spiritual and physical refreshment in places where primitive nature is undisturbed. So we will be vigilant to protect wilderness areas, refuges, and parks and to encourage good use of nature's storehouse of resources. We dedicate ourselves to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of the young and old that all may come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world and share in conserving its wonders forever.

THE AUDUBON GOALS

Conserve native plants and animals and their habitats. Promote rational strategies for energy development and use, stressing conservation and renewable energy sources. Protect life from pollution, radiation and toxic substances. Further the wise use of land and water. Seek solutions for global problems involving the interaction of population, resources and environment.

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The Flathead Audubon Society joins the other 500 chapters in the National Audubon Society in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of John James Audubon. Our members, like Audubon himself, seek to be ever listening to the songs of our birds, watching their peculiar habits and delineating them in the best way that we can.

1985 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- SB 344 Nongame Wildlife Tax Check-off Revisions. This bill is now law.
- SB 371 A Ban on the sale of Grizzly Bear Parts. Passed with a few ammendments.
- HB 770 A Beefing up of the Review Process for the Introduction of Exotic Wildlife. Passed.
- HB 892 Set up tax incentive for Wetland/Riparian areas. Passed by House; killed in Senate Taxation Committee by 7-5 vote.
- HB 860 Establishing the Montana Natural Heritage Program. Has been signed by the Governor.
- HB 711 Local regulation of the sale of phosphorus detergents. Passed by House and Senate.

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THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. Regular monthly meetings are preceded by an Executive Board meeting, the time and location of which are published in the preceding newsletter. The business meeting (7:30 PM) and program (8:00PM) are held in the downstairs meeting room of the Flathead Bank of Bigfork. These are all open meetings and all interested people are invited to attend.

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