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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1984	FEBRUARY						1984
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Executive Board Meeting, Bigfork Inn, 5:30P.M.
The regular meeting of the Flathead Audubon Society will be held in the downstairs meeting room of the Flathead Bank of Bigfork. The business meeting is at 7:30 P.M. The program begins at 8:00 P.M.

Night Skiing at Big Mountain. Contact David Hudak for details (755-3752).

FROM THE PRES!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and every one of my fellow birdwatchers! Thank you for the confidence (or desperation?) you expressed in me as you voted in the new officers in December. I'm a little shaky in my boots, but I am honored to be your new president. I have been blessed with a wonderful bunch of officers, board members and chairpersons, and with their help and YOURS I hope to make a great Audubon chapter even more successful. If you have any ideas or suggestions on improvements or new projects, please let me or any of the other officers know.

As we enter 1984 I hope that each of you will set goals for your involvement in Audubon and in your pastime of birdwatching. Make your goals specific and set out a plan for reaching them. Perhaps some of the following suggestions could help give you some ideas. In 1984:

1. I would like to add 10 new species of birds to the list of birds that I have already seen.
2. I would specifically like to see these birds: Saw-whet owl, Great Grey Owl, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker, Tricolored Blackbird, Snow Goose, Chestnut-backed Chickadee.
3. I want to attend the Regional Audubon Convention in Boise, ID during the week of May 16-20.
4. I want to participate in at least 3 Audubon field trips during the spring and summer.
5. I want to improve my identification of forest birds.
6. I want to learn 5 new bird songs this year.
7. I will write at least 3 letters on environmental issues which effect the birds I love to watch.
8. I want to participate in the annual Birdathon in the spring and see at least 100 species on that day.
9. I want to participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count in December.
10. I want to obtain instruction on how to use my camera to improve the bird pictures I take.
11. I want to purchase a converter lens to improve my photographs of birds.

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CAR POOLS

Anyone in Kalispell or the North Valley area who needs a ride to meetings or can help with car pooling, call Craig Hess (257-6645). For car pool information in the Polson area, Lynn Kelly (883-5797).



Western Meadowlark

Montana is famous for its abundant and diverse wildlife resource. Wildlife has been an important part of the heritage of Montanans, but until 1983, most wildlife conservation efforts were directed at only endangered and game species.

Endangered species in Montana include the whooping crane, peregrine falcon, gray wolf and black-footed ferret. Conservation programs for them have been funded mainly by the federal government.

Conservation programs for Montana's 84 game species are supported by hunting, fishing and trapping license fees and taxes on sporting goods. As a result, birds and animals like the pheasant, Canada goose, deer, elk and antelope have prospered.

Montana is rich in nongame wildlife too—species such as the bluebird, painted turtle, pelican, pika and sturgeon chub. Since no reliable funding source has been available until now, very little is known about the state's more than 500 nongame species—birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish not taken by hunters, trappers and anglers.

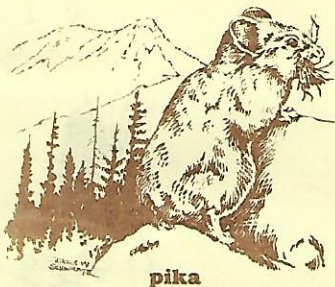
The 1983 Legislature enacted a law allowing taxpayers to contribute funds to the Nongame Wildlife Program through a checkoff on state income tax returns. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, as administrator of the program, will use the contributions to fund education and research efforts on behalf of Montana's nongame wildlife.

Sportsmen deserve a great deal of credit for their contribution toward funding conservation programs that fostered nongame in the state. However, the future of Montana's wildlife depends on a broad base of public support.

Now you and all Montanans can join in helping the state's unique wildlife heritage. With your valuable contribution, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks can plan a balanced effort to perpetuate all wildlife in Montana.

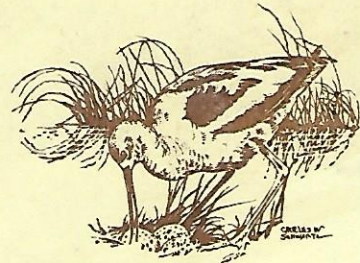
For More Information

If you have already filed your return and forgot to make a contribution, you can send a contribution to the Nongame Wildlife Program, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, (406) 444-2535.



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History of Montana's Nongame Wildlife Program



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AUDUBON CAMPS AND FIELD SEMINARS

From the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the National Audubon Society comes a complete listing of all Audubon Summer Camps, Field Seminars, Wildcountry Trips, and Youth Camps. In order to cut costs there will not be a direct mailing of the Camps Brochure to individual members this year, so the chapter newsletters will publicize as much of this information as possible. Each chapter will receive a limited number of brochures, which will be available on the display table at our monthly meetings.

FROM THE PRES! (continued)

Some of these are my personal goals for 1984 and others are just ideas for you to chew on. I hope they will give you some ideas on what your goals could be. Strive to improve your ability to identify birds and increase your awareness of the issues that could threaten those birds. Most of all, have a great 1984!!

See you in February!

Lynn Kelly
883-5797 (home)
883-2114 (school - leave a message and I will return your call)

BIRD SLIDES

The Flathead Audubon bird slide collection was recently re-organized. In the process of this re-organization it was discovered that many common birds of this area are missing from our collection. This collection is used in education programs for local schools and clubs and the more slides of our birds we have the better our programs will be. Below is a list of the needed birds. If you have any slides of the following and if you would like to donate your original to Audubon to be duplicated, please contact Jean Robocker (Education Chairperson: 755-2751). Your slide will be returned to you as soon as it is duplicated.

Missing birds!!

Many species of ducks: American Widgeon, Shoveler, Green-Winged Teal, Scaup, Redhead, Canvasback, Mergansers, Ring-necked duck, Pintail.

Grebes - Western Grebe is the only one represented.

Pheasant!!!

Bald Eagle (We don't even have any from the Glacier Gathering)

Shorebirds like Yellowlegs, sandpipers and willet

Gulls

Starling!!

Pigeons (rock doves)

Yellow Warbler

Horned lark

Yellow-rumped warbler

Magpie

House sparrow!!

Water Dipper

Meadowlark!!!

Marsh Wren

Redpoll

Shrikes (Northern or Loggerhead)

Thank you for whatever you find that you can spare!!

EDUCATION

Stifle your inhibitions and help make a study-skin for our collection. It takes several hours to do each one. We will work at the F.V.C.C. Biology Lab. - hours to suit participants. - on Monday, February 20th. Frozen salvaged birds need several hours to thaw, according to size of species. You know how long a turkey takes - and it isn't wearing a jacket! And we must bring only those birds that can be completed on that day. We'll set another date for additional specimens. Contact Jean Robocker for further details (755-2751).

APPLICATION FOR JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY AND
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