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

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, Flathead Bank of Bigfork meeting room. 7:30 PM Business meeting. 8:00 PM Program--Mr. Bluebird, Art Aylesworth of Ronan, will discuss his efforts to re-establish mountain and western bluebirds throughout their range in Montana. Art's "bluebird trails", consisting of miles of nesting boxes, now contribute more than 7,000 young bluebirds per year in Montana. Good program.

THE EQUINOX, the first day of spring.

## EDITOR'S DESK

LEO KEANE

Oops! Did I say "Special Swimsuit Issue"? Well now that you've torn off the staple and looked this far I better explain.

This week a Pileated Post reader (and good friend) from Douglas, Wyoming sent us a letter enthusiastically endorsing our newsletter and said he enjoys it so much that recently when his Sports Illustrated Special Swimsuit Issue and Pileated Post arrived on the same day, guess which one he opened first. You got it. Our bluebirds and buttercups were more alluring than their scantily clad girls.

Gosh, thanks Hugh but, is everything alright in Wyoming?

Anyway, this got some wheels turning. Now you know as well as I that scantily clad girls have little to do with basketball or boxing, which is exactly what our clear-eyed president, Robin, explained when I suggested that we jump on the bandwagon and come out with a Pileated Post Special Swimsuit Issue: "What on earth", she said, "do scantily clad girls have to do with the conservation of natural resources?"

"Robin", I said, "you're so square. Absolutely nothing of course, but the point is, we could double our readership overnight and keep the Flathead Chapter rolling in dough for years. Quite frankly, I'm surprised the National Office hasn't thought of this. And besides, pictures of scantily clad girls lying around the beach will get people thinking summer. What d' ya say?"

"You put together a Special Field Trips Issue", she answered, "and that's all the summer you get!"

Sorry folks... but fear not, anyway you look at it those bluebird days are not so far away. And meanwhile, stay tuned till next month for our Special Field Trips Issue. Boss's orders.





NATURAL SCIENCE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... OR IS IT?  
Robin Magaddino

I never thought that I would be interested in politics. I mean childhood was spent up in the trees with mockingbirds and sour plums, sloshing through tide pools, following endless animal tracks and searching under rocks for garter snakes, turtles and frogs. Adult life isn't much different. I inwardly chuckled when the supervisor of my first wildlife research job said that politics is an important force in every biologist's life, in fact, in the life of every living creature. He meant not only the internal politics of my particular agency, but the broader, nebulous world of "governments". So along with the natural science, I began to notice the political science of my environment.

For me politics is still mostly nebulous, but I recently found a point of focus. The Audubon legislative phone tree has been activated twice during the past week. Bigfork members were asked to telephone Rep. Ray Brandewie and ask him to vote no on HB 379 which pertains to private wildlife management areas. The bill was defeated and Ray did vote no! Thanks Ray! Meanwhile, Kalispell folks were notified to contact Sen. Matt Himsl asking him to support SB 329, to amend the Natural Areas Act of 1974. That bill passed! And Himsl did change his vote to one of support. We love you, Matt!

To get a message to your representative, telephone 1-444-4800 and leave your brief message with one of the friendly operators. You can find out the voting result by calling 1-800-237-5879. The voting record of your representative can be obtained from the County Clerk and Recorder a few days later.

If you were not contacted this time around on the phone tree, we hope to get you next time. If you're not interested in participating, just tell your contact person and we'll cross you off the phone tree list. But remember, one of these legislative issues may be an important force in your life.

A CARD OF THANKS TO:

Rod Ash for numerous hours and as many headaches in organizing our Audubon legislative phone tree, and to Doris Shennum who stepped forward as our lead contact person for activating the phone tree. Without these volunteers the Flathead Chapter would not be an effective political force in conservation issues.

MONTANA AUDUBON COUNCIL -  
SPRING MEETING  
MAY 1, 2 AND 3. HELENA, MT

- \* NORTHERN ROCKIES ACTION GROUP - fundraising workshop.
- \* BUSINESS MEETING.
- \* BANQUET / SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER.
- \* FIELD TRIPS

\$16.00 COVERS IT ALL - REGISTER BY APRIL 15

LAST CHANCE AUDUBON  
PO BOX 924  
HELENA, MT 59624

February Bird Sightings -

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| 2/25 Redpolls in breeding plumage                     | } Haven in by winter storm?<br>Magaddino's backyard |
| Vaux's thrush   |   |
| Warbler species                                       |   |
| 2/16 Male redwing blackbirds establishing territories |   |
| Blanchard slough                                      |   |



# Montana Audubon Legislative Fund



P.O. Box 924  
Helena, MT 59624



February 19, 1987

There is a lot of news this month from the Audubon Legislative effort in Helena. After the Feb. 25 deadline for transmittal of bills there will still be lots of lobbying to do but only a couple initial hearings on Audubon issues. There have been many successes so far, but your continued support is essential to maintain these gains. Keep those calls and letters coming! Here are the details:

- SB 177 Sponsors Sen. Yellowtail and Rep. Sands. The Nongame Wildlife Checkoff. Passed the Senate with an amendment. As it stands now, the checkoff will be reinstated without a sunset clause, the Nongame program will be supplemented by license fee money subject to appropriations, and the Dept. of Revenue will be allowed to assess up to \$1 per donation for administrative costs. Audubon supports.
  - HB 266 Sponsor Rep. Ream. Clarifies the process for endangered species nominations. Passed the House, Audubon supports.
  - HB 329 Sponsor Rep. Ream. Restitution for illegally taking wildlife. Passed the House, Audubon supports.
  - HB 298 Sponsor Rep. Rapp-Svrcek. Allowing a hunter to take only one grizzly per lifetime. Passed the House, Audubon supports.
  - HB 431 Sponsor Rep. Phillips. Allowing houndsmen to hunt lynx. Passed the House, Audubon OPPOSES.
  - HB 526 Sponsor Rep. Schye. Increase in hunting license fees to protect wildlife habitat. Not out of committee at press time. Audubon supports.
  - HB 809 Sponsor Rep. Iverson. Subdivision reform. Closes the loopholes in the old law and makes the review process more predictable for developers. The new law would include review for critical wildlife and riparian habitat. Hearing before transmittal. Audubon supports.
  - SB 329 Sponsors Sen. Blaylock and Rep. Bradley. Natural Areas Act. Hearing Feb. 20. Audubon supports.
  - HB 781 Sponsor Rep. Cohen. Forest Watershed Management Act. Audubon supports. Hearing before transmittal.
- Funding for Natural Resource Information System and Montana Natural Heritage Program: Rep. Keenan will introduce a bill soon for
- \*HB 326 a Realty Transfer Tax\* that will provide long-term funding for these programs as well as for county planning. Audubon supports.
- Parks funding: Audubon has testified against several raids on the coal tax trust for state parks.
- Environmental protection: Audubon has testified against several industry efforts to weaken the MT. Environmental Protection Act, the Major Facility Siting Act, and air quality standards.

Call the Legislative information number for the status of these bills, or call the Audubon lobbyists for more background information. Calls and letters from a legislator's home district are very effective. Let your representatives know they are being watched.

Thankyou.



THE GLACIER INSTITUTE/FLATHEAD AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

After last summer's successful first run Flathead Audubon has again earmarked scholarship funds to promote the Glacier Institute among Audubon members in the Flathead Valley. The Institute is an outdoor program which "examines Glacier Park's cultural and natural resources and which contributes to an appreciation of Glacier's aesthetic qualities through the creative arts". An overview of the Institute's course offerings reads like a naturalist's dream: everything from rafting on the North Fork to nature photography to stars and storytelling. You should see for yourself. Pick up a Glacier Institute brochure from the Flathead Audubon Society, the Scholarship Committee, or by writing to the Glacier Institute, PO Box 1457, Kalispell, Montana 59903. Then answer these few questions to see if you are the inquisitive, committed and perhaps adventuresome person we'd like to send to Montana's Glacier Institute. Notice the deadline: April 20, 1987.

## FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY 1987 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



## REQUIREMENTS:

- Audubon members will be given preference.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The 1987 Scholarship is applicable to any one course offered by the Glacier Institute. One day family classes are available, as well as 2-5 day courses.
- Scholarships cover all or a percentage of the tuition. Fees for recording college credit are not covered.
- The application must be received by April 20 by the Flathead Audubon Society, Box 715, Bigfork, Montana 59911.
- Successful applicants who are unable to attend must contact Flathead Audubon three weeks prior to course date so that a complete refund can be obtained and an alternate can be notified.
- Additional applications may be obtained from members of the Scholarship Committee.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Jean Robocker 755-2751  
Nancy Trembath 837-6298  
Janet Bones 837-6022

APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
COURSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COST \_\_\_\_\_

## ON A SEPERATE SHEET OF PAPER RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS:

- 1) WHY ARE YOU REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TUITION DO YOU REQUIRE?
- 2) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR BACKGROUND.
- 3) WHAT LED YOU TO TAKE THIS COURSE AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR NEWLY GAINED KNOWLEDGE?



GRIZZLY BEARS HAVE INVADDED the Flathead County Library... and you helped. Flathead Audubon Society has donated about \$200 worth of grizzly bear related books to the county library and, of course, these books will have an even wider distribution through the inter-library loan program. Board member Brent Mitchell developed the list of books during the past year and Vice President Jack White searched the library card catalogs to determine which volumes were needed. Following is the list of books donated by Flathead Audubon:

<u>BEAR ATTACK: THEIR CAUSE AND AVOIDANCE</u>	by Stephen Herrero (2 copies)
<u>THE BEARS OF YELLOWSTONE</u>	by Paul Schullery (3 copies)
<u>CALIFORNIA GRIZZLY</u>	by Storer and Tevis (1 copy)
<u>THE GRIZZLY IN THE SOUTHWEST</u>	by David Brown (2 copies)
<u>BEARS: THEIR BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT</u>	a collection of papers (3 copies)
<u>THE GRIZZLIES OF GLACIER</u>	by Warren Hanna (2 copies)



#### 1987 NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY CONVENTION

Save the dates of August 24-29, 1987 and come join us in Bellingham, Washington for the national Convention. There will be stimulating sessions on old growth forests, spotted owls, marine birds, "how to" workshops, keynote speakers, and more.

Our host chapters in the Pacific Northwest have assembled the most exciting array of field trips ever at a national convention and these include: pelagic trips in Puget Sound, a day long visit to the beautiful city of Vancouver, birding trips into the Cascades, Olympic Peninsula Rainforests, Columbia Gorge, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, Mt. St. Helen's wild-flowers, Indian culture, and many more.

The Convention site will be the Western Washington University campus which will give us very affordable meal and lodging packages (complete accommodations for five days will be in the \$200-225 range).

Registration forms and full field trip descriptions will be available from the regional office or by writing: Audubon Convention, 4150 Darley, Suite 5A, Boulder, CO 80303.

#### 1987 AUDUBON CAMP IN THE WEST PROGRAMS

##### Nature Photography in Wyoming:

The Wind River Mountains, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park are the settings for this field seminar on the use of 35 mm camera equipment. Professional photographers led by Perry Conway (producer of a dozen educational filmstrips) will guide you in photographing mountain scenery and wildlife. Five days are spent at the Audubon Camp, three days in Yellowstone and one day in Grand Teton National Park.

Dates: June 19 - June 28, 1987

##### Audubon Camp in the West for Adults

Geology speaks from the massive rock walls, and petroglyphs stir your curiosity in sessions on native American culture and wilderness values. Unique birds, mammals, insects, and flowers are tools in the art of understanding this rugged mountain environment. There is also time for hiking, rock climbing, square dancing, canoeing, and volleyball - plus an optional float trip down the spectacular Snake River in Grand Teton National Park. 3 two-week sessions and 1 one-week session are available.

Dates: Session 1 June 26 - July 3, 1987

2 July 5 - July 17, 1987

3 July 19 - July 31, 1987

4 August 2 - August 14, 1987

For more information: please contact:  
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### Membership Application

☐ Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of my local chapter. Please send Audubon magazine and my membership card to the address below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Membership card -

**INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP**  
 \$20

☐ STUDENT/SIB

☐ My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Bill me, please.

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CHECK PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

MAIL TO: BETTY ROSE

1066 STEEL BRIDGE RD  
 KALISPELL, MT 59901

THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. Regular monthly meetings are preceeded by an Executive Board meeting, the time and location of which are published in the preceeding newsletter. The business meeting (7:30 PM) and program (8:00 PM) 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. THE PILEATED POST is published nine times a year, September through May, and is sent to all members of the Flathead Audubon Society as one benefit of National dues. For others who would like to receive the newsletter, cost is \$3.50/yr.

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