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President's Column

Flathead Audubon is finishing another year of activities and programs. Thanks to you, our supportive members, we have made great strides in many areas and exceeded our goals for the year. I invite you to come to our May meeting at the Whitefish Community Center on May 14 and hear the list of accomplishments.

I also want to remind you of a promise we made when this year began. We pledged to make all of our meetings, especially the May business meeting, much shorter. We're keeping that promise. This May's meeting will include a Conservation Achievement Recognition carried over from our April meeting; besides that, however, there will be NO tributes, special recognitions, announcements from the floor, or lengthy reading of histories. We will put our announcement boards around the room with lists of field trips and other events. So you will get a very short business meeting sandwiched between our world famous potluck and a great program. See you there!

FLATHEAD GIVES!

We have been chosen to participate in a fundraising challenge called "Flathead Gives," which is sponsored by the Flathead Community Foundation. This is a once-a-year event for many Flathead Valley nonprofits to raise money to fund their operations and programs for another year. Throughout the 4 weeks, there are contests, prizes and fun activities to advertise this drive and keep it in the public eye.

Flathead Gives is open for donations [right](#)



[now](#), as you are reading this. Last day to donate is Tuesday, May 15. To contribute, you can type www.FlatheadGiving.org into your browser and put Flathead Audubon in the search box. Another way to donate is to come to the FAS booth in Kalispell Center Mall the afternoon of Thursday, May 3 or all day on May 4.

Since this is a new concept for us, read on for some answers to basic questions you may have.

Q) Why don't the nonprofits just go out and earn the money, like I do when I go to my job?

A) Because nonprofits exist to provide free services to the community. As the word says, we are not in the business of making a profit. For example, Flathead Audubon offers services like field trips, education about birds, volunteer work such as Hawk Watch that contributes to science, interesting programs, and information about birds, bird habitat and current issues affecting birds and nature. But we don't charge for any of them, so our activities don't produce any income to help operate Flathead Audubon. We want to continue to keep all activities free of charge and open to the public.

Q) Why do nonprofits want to be participants in Flathead Gives?

A) Three reasons:

1. The advertising. We are always looking for ways to put our name and good programs in front of more people.

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The Conservation Achievement Recognition of the Flathead Electric Coop that was scheduled for the April meeting was postponed. It will take place at the May meeting. See the writeup in the April Pileated Post.

MAY FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, May 7, 2018. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. All welcome.

Monday, May 14, 2018. 7 PM Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Whitefish Community Center, 121 Second Street, Whitefish. See page 3.

Thursdays in May, Swan River Nature Strolls, 10 AM, see page 5.

Sunday, May 6, 2018, Exploring the Northern Mission Valley, 7:30 AM—noon, see page 5.

Saturday, May 19, 2018, Spring Arrivals in the Smith Lake Area, 8 AM-Noon, see page 5.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

MacGillivray's Warbler

By Jeannie Marcure

Now that spring has finally arrived, it's time to start watching for some of our most colorful and elusive summer residents. Warblers (and colorful birds in general) have long been favorites of mine but until recently my sightings have been rare and mostly limited to the Tally Lake Campground area.

Our home is in Shelter Valley south of Kalispell and when we bought the land 17 years ago, it had been rather rudely logged leaving a dry habitat of Larch and Douglas Fir. There were many stumps and weeds to deal with and at that time, Warblers were the last birds we expected to attract. However, as we cleaned up the stumps and weeds, we were also able to plant a couple of small aspen groves and purchase a small recirculating birdbath. After these two additions we slowly began to see more and more Warblers - mostly migrants for a while, but now we enjoy several species as summer residents. Their regular visits to our water feature have allowed us to photograph and study their behaviors.

Last summer for the first time we had a resident pair of MacGillivray's Warblers, complete with a very vocal male claiming his territory by way of almost constant song. Seeing these neat little birds almost daily tweaked my curiosity, so I did a little online research and came up with some interesting facts.

MacGillivray's were first discovered by John Townsend who gave them the scientific name "tolmiei" in honor of his friend William Tolmie, an employee of the Hudson Bay Company. Despite this, however, John James Audubon later named the species MacGillivray's in honor of Scottish ornithologist William MacGillivray.

The male MacGillivray's is slightly larger than the Common Yellowthroat and has a dark hood, olive upperparts and unmarked yellow underparts. The prominent white arcs above and below the eye are probably his most identifiable feature. The female is colored similarly, but both the hood and yellow underparts are much paler. She also sports the bold white arcs above and below the eyes. The immature MacGillivray's is similar to the adult female but is

slightly duller and also has a slightly paler throat. The species most similar to the MacGillivray's is the Mourning Warbler, which lacks the broken eye ring and is found in the eastern US and Canada.

MacGillivray's Warblers are found in the western US and western Canada and prefer open woodlands such as old logging sites and burned areas. They also like brushy areas in mixed deciduous forests. Arrival on the breeding grounds occurs in late May, and they stay until late August. Most winter in Mexico and Central America.

Feeding primarily on insects, MacGillivray's spend most of their time on or near the ground. Monogamous pairs build a cup-like nest in a shrub or the lower fork of a tree. The female incubates the three to five lightly spotted eggs for eleven days. After being cared for by both parents, the young fledge in approximately nine days. The short time spent on the

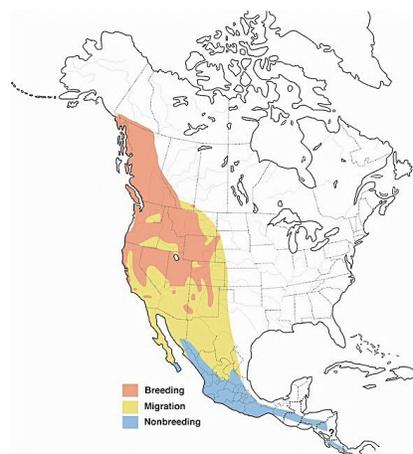
breeding ground allows for only one brood per year.

According to the Cornell Lab [AllAboutBirds](#) website, even though the species experienced a 35% decline in population between 1966 and 2014, MacGillivray's Warblers are a species of low concern at this time. It is thought that since this bird has a preference for cleared or regenerated land, it has probably benefitted from logging and other human activities.

Perhaps the best place in the Flathead to observe a variety of warblers including MacGillivray's is the Tally Lake Campground. Located approximately 25 miles from Kalispell, this area is a comfortable afternoon drive from almost anywhere in the Flathead. Once there, grab your binoculars and check out the brushy shoreline and the creek edge trail found in the group camping area. If you'd like the opportunity of birding this area with a group, you might consider attending this year's Wings Across the Big Sky Bird Festival, which will be held in Kalispell on June 8-10. The festival's brochure says that the planned field trip to the Tally Lake area offers participants the possibility of seeing every warbler species found in N.W. Montana. Whichever you choose, I hope that your summer will be filled many warbler sightings!



THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA



May Program

Montana Audubon—Birds and Beyond presented by Larry Berrin

Join us Monday, May 14, 7-9 PM at the Whitefish Community Center, 121 Second Street, Whitefish for a program about Montana Audubon. Join Larry Berrin, the new Executive Director, as he shares with you what the future will look like for Montana Audubon with the launching of the three-year strategic plan. Learn about innovative projects focused on expanding the organization's reach state-wide by working with new and existing partners to help achieve its mission.



MAY FLATHEAD AUDUBON MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018

Whitefish Community Center, 121 Second Street,
Whitefish

Doors Open 5:00 PM, Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting Begins 7:00 PM. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Be sure to arrive early enough to look over and bid on silent auction items! Officers and Board Members will be elected.

Please bring your own plates, utensils, and cups.

SILENT AUCTION

It's Coming! - The annual Silent Auction at the Flathead Audubon May Potluck. Now's the perfect time to gather all of the valuable "stuff" that you might be able to live without. Popular items at past Silent Auctions have been bird books, outdoor gear, art work, live bedding plants, homemade pies and cookies and bird houses and feeders of all kinds. This is your opportunity to be a Primo Recycler!

Successful Feeder Solutions Wanted!!

As birders, we have that desire to look out at the feeders we meticulously put out and see it teeming with all sorts of birds. In addition to the chickadees, nuthatches, flickers, and House Finches, we hope for grosbeaks, goldfinches, and fancy sparrows. It's easy, however, to be met with either a quiet feeder, or one dominated by House Sparrows, Eurasian Collared-Doves, or worse... the dreaded Fox Squirrel (dun dun duuuun).

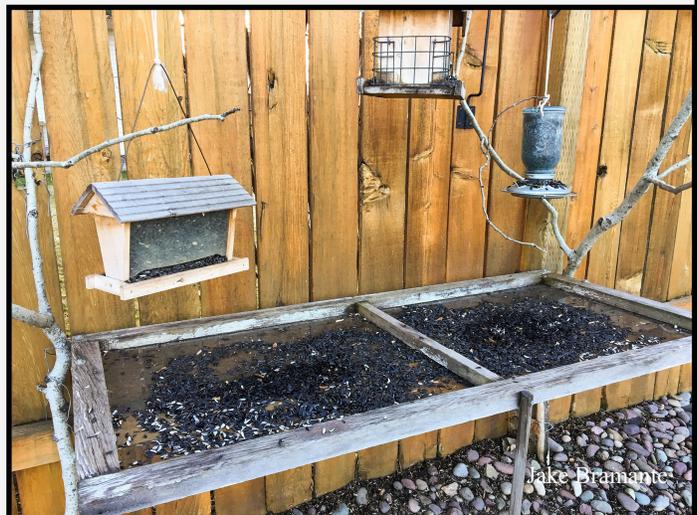
In the midst of this, many of us Flathead Audubon members have figured out solutions. Sometimes it's the right seed in the right feeder while other times, it's a special contraption to keep squirrels at bay. There are also considerations of keeping seeds dry, feeders clean, and clearing snow throughout the winter.

In October, we're going to have a presentation to help you optimize your feeder for the most amount of birds in your area. The secret to this presentation will be from you! If you have found a tip or trick that has really helped bring in certain birds or deterred others, we'd love to hear about it. Send an email to feeder@flatheadaudubon.org or

go to flatheadaudubon.org/feeder.

Examples include placing an old window screen as a platform (shown in photo), smearing peanut butter on tree bark, etc.

by Jake Bramante





Conservation Educator's Niche

By Denny Olson

The Never-ending Summer

The prospect of a coming summer has been very seductive, especially this year, with snow, rain and seasonal affective disorder every other day it seems. Like all good denizens of the northern forests, I've learned not to trust either the "when" or the "if" of its arrival, duration and departure. It simply isn't reliable, by my understated Scandinavian mindset. When the rains slow in late June, and the reports on plowing the Going to the Sun Road come almost hourly, hope springs. And then, I spot an already yellowing leaf there and there, and my suspicions are confirmed – you can't trust anything to stay around these days.

Among my friends, this year there has been a bit more whining than usual about the 105th day of January – also called mid-April. Despite the obvious humor in any situation where humans stand in front of the proverbial freight train – in this case the inexorable change of seasons -- there is a serious side to this uniquely human issue of "control". Our resistance to the reality of that fleeting time when we can eat our cereal on the back porch, just like in the TV commercials, appears to be a general human trait – but is probably more a product of Western civilization. Our stubborn attempts to imagine and create the never-ending summer have led to exponential growth in the Sunbelt states, heating and air conditioning (and their partners ozone depletion, unrealistic energy consumption, acid rain, and climate change), and an increasingly intolerant view toward our reciprocal relationship with nature. Our techno-Caucasian attitudes want to freeze-frame (and wrap in plastic containers) the things that make our lives most convenient, usually at terrible long-term cost.

The "endless summer" has likely shifted our perceptions away from the cyclic nature of *all* things, not just the seasons. When things are figuratively arranged in neat rows, it is easy to put cold at one end and hot at the other – or pro-con, black-white, smart-dumb, right-wrong ... these dualities belie what we know about everything from the short insect-egg-insect-egg loop to the expansion and contraction of the universe every trillion years or so.

Our brains (and our computers) work in feedback loops. Linear math hides the logic of synergy, where the sum of two parts (one plus one) equals more than we would expect, as in a good primary partnership or creative working relationship. And then, there is also the concept of unity, where one cedar, plus one insectivorous sundew, plus one mosquito,

are well on their way to being a single bog.

Of course, we are the superior species, with language, self-awareness, and wondrous technological feats. Well, we are, until nature steps into the picture. Simple observation (by being there) lets us watch the "reptilian" brain of a snake sense prey through vibration senses in its belly or heat receptors in its face. We watch soundless owls calculate trigonometric angles with sound waves – sonic depth perception -- to precisely estimate distance to a hidden mouse. Or, we watch a satellite tracker on a Blackpoll Warbler, weighing half an ounce, as it launches out over the Atlantic Ocean from Newfoundland, over Bermuda, and alights 2000 miles later in the rainforests of Venezuela. Nature is a series of constant lessons in humility for we superior ones.

And then there is the concept of relationship. As John Muir said, "everything is connected to everything else", but further (when you think about what you just ate, or what happens when we die), everything is *made* of everything else. Relationships have lost their importance in our world-view, especially those we have with the rest of life on this Planet. Relationships are difficult to buy and sell, so we have devalued them. Systems, extremely complex sets of relationships, are the driving forces of our world. Individuals, even rugged ones, are far behind in relative importance. If we insist on operating as individuals, clinging to illusions of "control", and "superiority" – we do so at our peril. This is denial of simple reality, and the foundation of nearly all environmental issues.

Every indigenous culture has a "trickster" (Raven, Coyote, 3-fingered Rock Dwarves, Leprechauns), a capricious distributor of paradox and chaos, to wreak havoc on our illusions of control. Regarding nature, systems, relationships, and even individuals, we were never in control. We should probably get comfortable with that idea.



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The "never-ending summer" is our metaphor, our story, about the illusion of control. We owe it to ourselves to relax, enjoy the sunshine when it finally comes, and humbly appreciate that autumn is right behind. Summer does go away, perhaps in a disappointingly short time, but we can adapt and enjoy the changes, and rest assured that it comes back again in another form in the next cycle.

SPRING/SUMMER FIELD TRIPS FOR YOU!

All Flathead Audubon field trips are free and open to the public (except those organized for the bird festival which require registration) and are geared for all ages and levels of field experience. They are led by area biologists, retired professionals, and some of the best birders in the region. Please read our field trip guidelines at www.FlatheadAudubon.org. For all Field Trips, dress for the weather, bring binoculars or spotting scope if you have them, wear sturdy footwear, and drive and pull off the road safely. All drivers must have their own vehicle insurance. For more information, contact Kathy Ross at 837-3837 or Cory Davis at 257-3166, or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the Flathead Audubon general meetings and on www.FlatheadAudubon.org.



SWAN RIVER NATURE TRAIL STROLLS WITH ANNE MORLEY. Join Anne Morley, every Thursday in May, at 10 AM, for a fun morning outing along the beautiful Swan River. We will be learning about native plants and spotting local birds along the way. Meet in downtown Bigfork, at the bench between Showthyme and the Playhouse. Bring binoculars! The easy walk usually is 1-2 miles. For more information contact Anne at 406-886-2242.

CURLEWS, RAPTORS, MIGRATION-- EXPLORING THE NORTHERN MISSION VALLEY WITH JANENE LICHTENBERG, MAY 6, 7:30 AM-NOON. The Long-billed Curlew is North America's largest shorebird and one of the earliest migratory species to return to northwest Montana for breeding in the spring. We will meet north of Polson to explore some of the grassland habitats where we are likely to hear and see curlews. We will review methods used to survey for this species and provide information on how you can further help with a statewide monitoring effort. We should see a wide variety of raptors, waterbirds, and songbirds at roadside stops and short walks along the way. We will finish our trip with a short walk at The Nature Conservancy's Safe Harbor Marsh and Important Bird Area. Plan on wearing sturdy shoes, bringing along some water and snacks, and carpooling from the meeting site. We will meet north of Polson at 7:30 AM and finish @ noon. For more information and to sign up contact Kathy Ross, 406-837-3837, or email mtkat67@gmail.com. **Limited to 10 participants.**

SPRING ARRIVALS IN THE SMITH LAKE AREA, Saturday, May 19, 8 AM-Noon. Join us for a spring morning of birding west of Kalispell. We'll drive Smith Lake Road looking for recently arrived sparrows, orioles, warblers, and other breeding migrants and then make our way to Smith Lake to look for waterfowl and wetland species. We should have a good diversity of habitats and species! Bring binocs and scopes and appropriate weather gear. To RSVP contact Cory Davis at 406-471-3314, or piranga99@gmail.com. **Limited to 20 participants.**

LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, Sunday, June 3, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. Join refuge wildlife biologist Beverly Skinner and tour the incredible wetlands and grasslands of this hidden jewel west of Kalispell. See restored Dahl Lake with nesting Trumpeter Swans and an abundance of shorebirds and waterfowl species. We will also spend time looking for bird species associated with Palouse prairie, riparian/wetland, and larch/pine forest habitats of the 9,000+ acre Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Marion, MT. We will drive and walk along some of the refuge's closed roads with short hikes to the best viewing sites. Meet at the Lost Trail Refuge Headquarters (about 45 miles northwest of Kalispell) between 8:15-8:30 AM. For location and more information about the refuge, go to www.fws.gov/refuge/lost_trail. To sign up for the field trip or get more information about the trip contact Beverly at 406-858-2286 or beverly_skinner@fws.gov. **Limited to 15 participants.**

SEE OUR FULL LIST OF FIELD TRIPS FOR THE WINGS ACROSS THE BIG SKY BIRD FESTIVAL, JUNE 9-10, KALISPELL RED LION: <http://mtaudubon.org/birding/montana-bird-festival/>

GOING BATTY! Friday, August 10, 2018, 8:30 PM-11 PM. This cooperative trip between Flathead Audubon and MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks will go to a site with known bat activity where electronic equipment will be used to detect the ultrasonic calls of bats flying overhead, and mist nets will be used to capture bats for closer inspection. Wildlife biologists Lewis Young, Lisa Bate, and Chris Hammond will demonstrate the equipment, handle bats captured in mist nets, and talk about the amazing adaptations bats have for navigating, catching food, and hibernating. Participants will not be allowed to touch or handle bats. Headlamps or flashlights are necessary and come with suitable clothing for the evening temperatures as the day cools. To sign up contact Kathy Ross at 837-3837 or mtkat67@gmail.com. **Limited to 25 participants.** *continued on page 6*

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EXPLORE OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA'S LEISURE AND BIG ISLANDS WITH JEANETTE OLIVER, Saturday, August 11, 9 AM to Noon. Join retired Biology Professor Jeanette Oliver for an information-packed stroll in the portion of OSNA just north of her property on Leisure Island, followed by an easy walk across a mostly dry portion of the Stillwater to explore OSNA's Big Island--a part of OSNA that is usually only accessible by boat. Focus will be on identifying OSNA vegetation, including typical flood plain vegetation and also spotting birds along the way. Contact Jeanette at jopjoliver74@gmail.com or 755-8622 for details. **Limited to 20 participants.** Co-sponsored by Montana Audubon.

WETLAND WANDERINGS AT OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA, August 25, 9 AM-2:30 PM. Join Brian Baxter (Silver Cloud Associates Outdoor Educational Programs) for a Wetland Wanderings excursion into the beautiful and diverse Owen Sowerwine Natural Area! Join our group of outdoor enthusiasts as we meander along the riparian corridors listening and scoping for resident and migrating birds of prey, waterfowl, woodpeckers, and songbirds. We'll assume a slow pace, looking for and studying vegetation, and the tracks and sign of diverse wildlife including the weasel family, and members of the canid and felid families. Along the way we'll also scout for amphibians, reptiles, and turtles. Round trip hike of moderate slope and less than 2.5 miles. The group will meet at 9 AM, at the Montessori School located at 349 Willow Glen Drive, Kalispell, Montana. Call for directions at 406-755-3826 if needed. Please come prepared for a field day with lunch, water, binoculars, spotting scopes, proper layers, good hiking boots, and a positive attitude! To Register: Email Brian at: b_baxter53@yahoo.com or call him at: 406-291-2154. No dogs please! Co-sponsored by Montana Audubon.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the incredible folks who have given of their valuable time and shared their wealth of knowledge to lead field trips for FAS this past year, this summer and for the upcoming State Festival in Kalispell. You are the very best Ambassadors for our beloved feathered friends.



**June 8-10, 2018 — Kalispell, Montana
Red Lion Hotel**

We're delighted to bring Montana Audubon's 19th Annual Wings Across the Big Sky Bird Festival to northwest Montana this season! Our longstanding community event is co-hosted this year by the Flathead Audubon Society in Kalispell. Registration opens at 1:00 PM; plan to sign in and enjoy a special presentation Friday afternoon, followed by a dinner buffet and our keynote address.

This year's featured speaker is noted conservationist Dr. Stuart Strahl of the Chicago Zoological Society who will give a talk entitled, "Birds, People, &

Communities—Charting the Future of Conservation"

Fun festival events like our "Cakes for Conservation" dessert fundraiser, Nature Adventure Tour silent auction, and more are on tap for this year. And of course, amazing birding field trips are scheduled around the Glacier-Flathead region over the weekend in addition to timely bird conservation presentations on Montana Audubon's work. A variety of informational tables and festivities will be on hand as we celebrate efforts to conserve our birds and wildlife.

Visit our website for information on the Festival headquarters, speakers, and fantastic birding field trips to help you decide how to spend your bird festival weekend in and around Kalispell.

Register now; the field trips fill fast! We make it easy: register online at www.mtaudubon.org, call the Montana Audubon office in Helena (406) 443-3949, or e-mail info@mtaudubon.org to request a registration form.

Give While You Shop!

Here is an easy way you can help your chapter, with no cost to you and just a few minutes of your time.

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Typing "smile.amazon.com" is quick and easy. Click on the link and either put in your email address and Amazon password or click Create an Account. Designate Flathead Audubon Society as your nonprofit of choice. You won't receive spam or marketing emails and a portion of the amounts you spend is rebated to Flathead Audubon.

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2. We wanted a way to ask just once a year for contributions, instead of constantly doing little fundraising activities that devour lots of our time and energy and raise little money.

3. The visibility. We don't want to operate in a vacuum. Sharing face time with people in the community helps them understand what Flathead Audubon is about and what it does.

Q) Is this a fundraising telethon? Will I get robocalls asking for money?

A) No and Yes. This is not a telethon and you will not get phone calls from us. You will probably continue to get robocalls, but they won't be from FAS or Flathead Gives. (And if you can find a way to stop robocalls, we want to know about it, too!)

(Q) What's in this for me?

(A) Besides the satisfaction of helping birds and seeing your Audubon chapter thrive, there is a special bonus that may help make your life easier. We will still remind you to keep up your membership in the chapter, but if you donate at least \$25 to Flathead Audubon during the Flathead Gives campaign, we will remove your name from our end-of-the-year appeal mailing. It's just our way of saying Thank You at a time of year when you always get oodles of requests for money and are trying to stretch your dollars to cover holiday expenses.

We hope you will support Flathead Audubon Society on www.FlatheadGiving.org and be one of our generous donors!

Kay Mitchell, FAS President

Candidates for Officers and Board Members

At the May meeting, FAS will elect the Treasurer, Secretary, and several Director positions. Nominees (with biographies) for these positions are:

Treasurer — Joe Batts : I have served as the appointed treasurer of Flathead Audubon Society (FAS). I have enjoyed that role and I look forward to remaining the Treasurer. I have been very fortunate to receive the support of the Board. The message that I have received – and fully support – is that the membership and the board love their organization and want their organization to be both financially sound and responsive.

In my wife's and my businesses, I currently handle five small accounting systems using QuickBooks and Quicken. As a result, I know that every organization has different financial needs. Being treasurer of FAS is more than knowing where to correctly put the credits and debits; FAS is unique, especially in the areas of grants and donations. In this regard, the Board has been very diligent in the pursuit of grants and contracts and the members have been very generous with their donations. Some members have been extremely generous in their wills to fund endowment investments for allocation to conservation and education. And accordingly, the Board has been respectful, responsible and conservative in the use of those resources. Correspondingly, our financial system does--and should continue to remain--transparent to all.

My wife and I have been birders for 30 years. We were introduced to birding by friends and found it an activity that we could do together. In 2013, we moved permanently to the Flathead Valley after having lived here part-time since 2006. I am a graduate of Flathead High School and we both are graduates of the University of Montana. Since returning to the Valley, we have become very involved with Flathead Audubon Society activities. The responsibilities of the Treasurer have been an extension of that involvement.

Therefore, I ask for your support for my election as Treasurer of Flathead Audubon Society.

Marylane Pannell – Secretary: She will be entering her fourth full term as Board Secretary. The Board depends on Marylane to record and promptly publish minutes of our board meetings each year. She has been our "rock" during sometimes tumultuous board meetings. We are very pleased that Marylane has accepted the nomination for Board Secretary for another two-year term.

DIRECTORS

Jake Bramante—Growing up in a log home in northwestern Montana, Jake frequently ran around with his brother in the Forest Service land adjacent to their property. Armed with the blue, Golden Guide to Birds of North America, he helped an area wildlife biologist with his section of the Libby area Christmas Bird Count. After a few years away at college, he came back with a renewed commitment to enjoy the woods that he missed so much which culminated in a summer where he hiked all of Glacier's trails. He now creates day hiking maps for national parks and sneaks out to bird as often as he can when he's not on the trail.

Diane Boyd—Diane began her wolf career with Dave Mech in Minnesota in 1977. She moved to Montana in 1979 to study wolf recovery in the Rocky Mountains, and followed the population growth from 1 wolf to 2000 wolves at present in MT/ID/WY. Diane has collaborated on wolf research in MN, MT, MI, AZ, NM, BC, AB, Italy, Romania, and Ellesmere Island. Diane currently works for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Kalispell, Montana, as the Wolf/Carnivore Specialist.

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Jan Metzmaker—I have enjoyed my first term on the Audubon Board and currently serve as the Publicity Chair. I retired as the Director of the Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau and was the founding director of The Glacier Fund (now the Glacier Fund) and have the time to contribute to the organization. Flathead Audubon does great work through its education program, bird counts, Hawk Watch, Owen Sowerwine Natural Area and more. I hope to be able to continue on the board for another term.

Pam Willison—Retired HS Family & Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) teacher. Born and raised in Arlee MT. Business management degree from UM. Worked in business in Missoula for 10 years. Returned to school at MSU to get teaching certificate. Taught High School and Middle School 23 years, including 17 at Bigfork. Memberships: Flathead Audubon, Swan View Coalition, Rails to Trails, Sierra Club, Adventure Cycling. Interests: hiking, biking, xc skiing, backpacking, camping, birding, cooking, gardening.

Rod Walette—Having lived in the valley for most of my life, I have seen a tremendous amount of change along with the impacts of those changes. To be able to work with the officers/board members of FAS with the goals of preserving our resources along with educating others of the value of those resources would be a great opportunity I would embrace. Besides being a member of FAS, I am also a member of and support Swan View Coalition as well as Headwaters Montana. As a member of FAS, I have assisted with the old bird seed sales, participated in the Bigfork and Kalispell Christmas bird counts, assisted with the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch for the past couple of years and am currently participating with the Curlew survey in Mission Valley. Following a work-related injury in the mid-eighties, I was told to find less physical work so I returned to school at FVCC and went on to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at MSU. A year later I returned to school to obtain a Master's Degree in Vocational Counseling from EMC. I worked in that field for 20 years, the last five of which I operated my own business. I spent the last 2 ½ years, prior to retiring in 2015, working as a Case Manager where I assisted and advocated for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. After retiring, I became a volunteer for the NW Montana Veterans Food Pantry for nine months and then went on to become a volunteer for the Museum at Central School where I continue to volunteer twice a week.

Montana Audubon Conservation Update - April

It's April, and now officially spring in the Helena Valley – the Long-billed Curlews have returned!

Montana Audubon's bird conservation efforts this month went into volunteer outreach and planning for the summer field season and our four focal citizen science projects: Long-billed Curlews, Rosy Finches, Chimney Swifts, and Black Swifts. In addition, we presented programs for the Flathead Conservation District and a Montana State University range and wildlife policy class. We also began a new partnership with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute to survey grassland birds on the highline prairies.

Recently, we've had our fingers crossed for the timely completion of a new smartphone data collection "app" for the Long-billed Curlew surveys. As hoped, Montana Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks completed it, making in-field data entry easy. Now it's simple to know your exact stop location at every point on any route, and eliminate hours of time spent hand-entering and proofing data. The app is free to all users. More information, including a printable version of 2018 projects and the 'how to' guide is available on our website (<http://mtaudubon.org/birds-science/citizen-science-opportunities/>) and from there link to our Long-billed Curlew project). It

has been a busy season for us as Montana Audubon.

Upcoming projects and events of regional interest include:

May 17th is the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Birds and Bears Festival at SKC College.

We are recruiting volunteers that are interested in searching for Rosy-Finches, Chimney Swifts (in eastern Montana), and Black Swifts.

Chimney Swift surveys take place June—July
Rosy-finch surveys take place June—July

We are also seeking Black Swift survey volunteers for training at Holland Lake (July 18th and 19th) and in Glacier National Park (July 17th) – Volunteers for Black Swift surveys must be physically fit with back-country travel experience, bear-safety knowledge, and a willingness to travel in rugged terrain at night. Black Swift surveys take place mid-July – August.

In May we begin our partnership work with Glacier National Park and the Glacier National Park Conservancy to mark Harlequin Duck pairs with transmitters to understand their full life-cycle conservation needs.

by Amy Seaman, Conservation Program Manager

Education Committee News

The FAS Education Committee has been busy these past two months evaluating the "Education Program Strategic Plan, 2015-2019" and planning for the next steps for the Chapter's education program. The document is comprehensive and directly reflects FAS's education programs. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be available on Flathead Audubon's website by mid-May 2018.

I also invite you to visit the website and click on 'Lifetime Learning' to view the educational trunks that are available. The trunks are available year-round, and we offer Ambassadors who will shuttle trunk to any group who wish to use the material. Presenters are also available to teach the trunks. Assisted living facilities, private agencies, and summer pro-

grams for children and youth are just a few of the community groups who can benefit from the trunks. Please contact Linda De Kort, Denny Olson or myself should you know of a group who would like to use one of the trunks.

Thank you to Flathead Audubon's 2017-18 education committee members Renee Cordes, Linda de Kort, Amy Jacobs, Kathy Ross, Rod Walette, and Denny Olsen, Conservation Contractor. These people's generous time and contributions, expertise and positive energy allowed our committee to complete our work, and to build on our education programs.

Happy Birding

by Gail Shay Linne, Education Chair

Flathead Audubon Gives Student Science Awards

Flathead Audubon Society gives two awards for the best Conservation-themed Science projects presented at the Flathead County Schools Science Fair. This year, Conservation Educator Denny Olson presented the awards to (a) 6th-grader Keanu Ng of Kalispell Middle School, for "Ocean Acidification, a project on the effects of ocean acidification on climate change, and (b) 8th-grader Jakob Ritzdorf of Kalispell Middle School, for "Effectiveness of eDNA to Find Distribution of Invasive Species", which uses small amounts of DNA in stream water to detect invasive snapping turtles, and may have implications for detecting invasive bullfrogs as well.

Special thanks to FAS Board Member Cory Davis for assisting in the judging!

Congratulations to these students and hundreds of others who each year restore our faith in the future of evidence-based research. Nice going!



CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from April 2, 2018 Board Meeting

- ◆ The May business meeting will be short. We will elect officers and new board members and vote to revise the Constitution/Bylaws.
- ◆ Beauty of Birds class has been cancelled for this year.
- ◆ The board authorized printing 1000 revised FAS brochures. They will be available at the Montana Bird Festival in June.
- ◆ Renee Cordes has joined the Education Committee.

Birds of Prey Festival—Save the Date!

This year's Birds Of Prey Festival will be held Saturday, September 15th at Lone Pine State Park starting at 9:00 AM for general activities and 7:30 for the early-bird walk.

Last year, we had over 500 members of our

community participate, and we expect the numbers to grow again. Booths, activities, great presentations, live hawks and owls, and fun raptor-oriented family art and craft projects are scheduled again. Don't miss it!

Flathead Audubon Society Revenue and Expenses 2017
January-December 2017
 Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Calendar Income | 3,600.00 |
| Donation Restricted | |
| Education | 595.00 |
| Hawk Watch | 600.00 |
| More Kids in the Woods | 8,459.06 |
| Other | 120.00 |
| Owen Sowerwine Natural Area | 24.30 |
| Raptor Day | 250.00 |
| West Valley Conservation Easement | 2,903.75 |
| Total Donations Restricted | 12,952.11 |
| Donations Unrestricted | |
| Amazon Smile | 84.93 |
| Birdathon | 3,563.00 |
| Calendar Sponsor | 450.00 |
| Duck | 52.00 |
| Individual donations | 1,993.39 |
| Jack White | 24.15 |
| Pledge by Board member | 1,470.00 |
| Pledge by General Member | 1,648.00 |
| Prudential grants | 493.70 |
| Quinn Foundation | 1,000.00 |
| Roads Scholar | 1,500.00 |
| Soroptomists | 2,000.00 |
| United Way | 296.00 |
| WF Community Foundation | 1,000.00 |
| Donations Unrestricted-other | 210.023 |
| Total Donations Unrestricted | 15,785.40 |

Expenses

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Administrative | 127.98 |
| Fundraising Expenses | |
| Birdathon | -544.30 |
| Calendar | 5,412.97 |
| Other | 1,073.80 |
| Total Fundraising Expenses | 5,942.47 |
| Program | |
| Donations Made | |
| MT Audubon | 1,000.00 |
| United Way | 300.00 |
| Total Donations out | 1,300.00 |
| Education | |
| Educational Coordinator | 26,360.00 |
| Educational Materials | 2,257.12 |
| Honorarium | 350.00 |
| Raptor Day | 1,506.00 |
| Education-Other | -75.00 |
| Total Education | 30,398.12 |
| Hawk Watch | 200.00 |
| Newsletter | |
| Postage | 829.60 |
| Printing | 2,433.73 |
| Total Newsletter | 3,263.33 |
| Owen Sowerwine Natural Area | |
| License | 600.00 |
| Management Expenses | 201.03 |
| Total OSNA | 801.03 |
| Total Program | 35,962.48 |
| Total Expense | 42,032.93 |

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| Grants | 400.00 |
| Interest income | 205.00 |
| Local Dues | 6,278.65 |
| Sales | |
| Calendar | 5,915.20 |
| Silent Auction | 867.00 |
| Other | 321.82 |
| Total Sales | 7,104.02 |
| Total Income | 46,122.23 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 84.52 |
| Gross Profit | 46,037.71 |

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Net Ordinary Income | 4,004.78 |
| Transfer from Savings | 121.00 |
| Net Income | 3,883.78 |

FAS Investment Portfolios

Flathead Audubon Society's Board has instituted four investment portfolios to be dedicated to long term support of our local projects. Four percent or less of the portfolios may be spent on projects each year, so that these funds can grow to be a permanent financial support for our chapter's good works. The investments fluctuate with the economy, interest rates and stock prices. Total value at the end of 2017 was approximately \$217,000.

We try not to tap these funds unless absolutely necessary. Our goal is to build the funds to a level that will support our chapter's operations with interest/growth only, independent of other fundraising. Much of the money in these investments was donated as bequests from former members who have passed on. We respect their wishes that their gifts be maintained in perpetuity for the strength of the chapter.

Vote on Change to Constitution and Bylaws at May Meeting

Two years ago, after an extensive review of the FAS Constitution and Bylaws, the Board of Directors proposed several changes and additions to both documents, and these were approved by the membership at the May 2017 meeting. The resulting version of the FAS Constitution and Bylaws can be viewed on the FAS website under "About Us."

The FAS Board of Directors has voted to recommend a minor change to that 2017 version. In the 1990s National Audubon required that Audubon chapters include certain wording in their constitution and bylaws; those required portions were marked by an

asterisk (*), and this annotation was explained in a short paragraph preceding the Constitution itself. After extensive investigation and multiple inquiries to National Audubon, FAS Treasurer Joe Batts has found no evidence that this is still required by National Audubon. Therefore, the FAS Board recommends that the explanatory paragraph and the asterisk notations be removed from the FAS Constitution and Bylaws. This will allow FAS to modify and adapt it's Constitution and Bylaws more easily to our needs .

At our May 14 meeting, the FAS membership will vote on accepting this recommendation.

We again thank all our donors who have been so generous throughout the year. As a result, Flathead Audubon has been able to continue our many fine programs that reach a broad spectrum of people.

THIS IS YOUR LAST PILEATED POST UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Check our website during the summer for happenings and news.

Of Birds and Bears--Finding a Balance

We have had the enormous pleasure all winter of enjoying birds at our feeders and the birds have benefited, especially in hard winters like the past winter. Now is the time to consider taking the feeders down. If you live in bear country, out of respect for our furry, hungry neighbors, it is essential. Besides helping to keep bears out of trouble, taking your feeders down also encourages birds to go for their natural food sources of insects, especially caterpillars. Over 90% of our birds (even hummingbirds!) eat insects, a source

of protein and nutrients vital to their health and more importantly essential for raising baby birds. It has been observed that it can take 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars to raise a brood of chickadees (average brood 5-10). Perhaps we would start seeing fewer insects in the landscape, creating less need for toxic insecticides and helping nature to find its own balance. Taking feeders down during the summer can be a win-win for bears, birds and the environment!

by Kathy Ross

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY--CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

Migratory birds are some of the most beautiful, observable and remarkable wildlife that share our world. Some, like our American Redstart and Swainson's Thrush, travel thousands of miles from winter homes in Central and South America, Mexico or the Caribbean to summer breeding grounds in US and Canada. They brave an increasing number of environmental and human caused threats along the way as well as in their destination habitats. None the less, spring and fall, they persevere year after year. It is in their genetic makeup. And although we have, through research, learned some of what drives these arduous migrations, it remains an inspiring mystery.

What started in this hemisphere, as International Migratory Bird Day, has now become a worldwide May celebration. Not only does it foster apprecia-

tion of migratory birds, but it is a call to action and this year that is more important than every in the United States. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, our nations cornerstone bird conservation law is being weakened and threatened by our present government leadership. Add your voice to the discussion. Let your legislators know that our migratory birds and their habitats, deserve our continued protection.

Then take time to appreciate each new spring arrival. Join one of our field trips! All of Flathead Audubon field trips this time of year focus on many of our migratory avian friends as well as our resident birds. Also in May, Pablo Community Bird Festival is a great way to participate in a celebration of migratory birds.

by Kathy Ross

Family Forestry Expo for 2018

The 29th Family Forestry Expo will take place at Stoltze Lumber's Ron Buntmeyer Educational Forest located north of Kalispell along Trumbull Creek on Saturday, 12 May, from 9 AM — 3 PM. This is a free family-oriented event that offers a hands-on understanding of the role that local forests play in our everyday lives. Expo visitors get to explore how the different parts of a forest are connected to make up a dynamic ecosystem, how people and all parts of the environment are dependent on one another, and how each affects the other. There is a free "loggers lunch," demonstrations, exhibits, and a forest walk with many educational stops, including one run by Flathead

Audubon Society.

FAS has maintained an exhibit at the Family Forestry Expo for many years and are always looking for volunteers to help show Expo visitors the value and beauty of birds. If you enjoy being outdoors on a spring day and talking to people of all ages about forests, and especially birds, please contact Denny Olson, the FAS Conservation Educator, at auduboneducator@gmail.com. Whether you are a volunteer, participant or just want to enjoy a day in the woods, everyone is welcome to come on out to the Forestry Expo on Saturday, 12 May.

by Bob Lee

North Shore Boat Tour, June 28

Join **Flathead River to Lake Initiative** partners the evening of June 28 aboard the Far West tour boat to celebrate conservation success and learn about projects on the North Shore and the

Flathead River. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 by contacting the Flathead Lakers at 883-1341 or Flathead Land Trust at 752-8293.



THREE OSNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

1. HELP WITH SUMMER MONITORING

Scheduled Volunteer Monitors are still needed to cover the last half of June, and both the first and last halves of July and August. Sign up at the May potluck, or contact Linda Winnie at lindawin626@gmail.com or 755-1406.

And please remember, you can **help anytime** by sending us your observations whenever you visit OSNA this summer. Just take along an OSNA Monitoring Form and use it to tell us what parts of Owen Sowerwine you visited, and what you saw and heard there. Get the form and a trail map from www.flatheadaudubon.org/conservation/OSNA or contact Linda Winnie to have it mailed or emailed it you.

Feedback from Volunteer Monitors helps Flathead Audubon do a better job of managing Owen Sowerwine! THANK YOU to ALL who help with OSNA Monitoring!

2. OSNA SUMMER WEED PARTY

The OSNA Weed Committee is throwing a **Weed Party!**

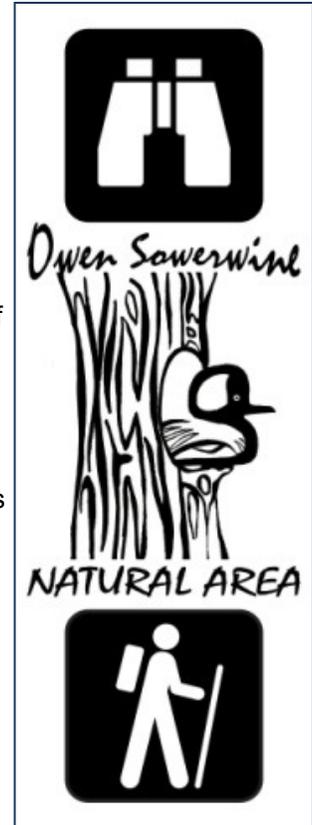
When - Early August, depending on weather and weed growth.

Why – after our OSNA summer weed management efforts we need to assess the success of those efforts and to remove the seed heads on any remaining weeds before they spread at the end of summer.

How do I join? First, simply send your email address to Rick Mace to let him know you are interested: rickmace535@gmail.com. In late July, he will let you know the date, place, and time of the party, and what to bring; you can then let him know if you are able to help out. We are hoping to recruit about a dozen helping hands. Questions? Call Rick at 406-407-6148. Thanks!

3. 2018 FALL OSNA WORKDAY – SEPTEMBER 29

Join with other FAS members to work on fall OSNA projects. Watch for more details in the September 2018 Pileated Post.



BirdCast: real time migration information

E-bird, a service of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, has a new product that gives migration forecasts for the next 3 days and shows real time bird migration pathways and numbers each night. Click on <https://ebird.org/news/birdcast-real-time-migration-information>. The migration forecasts give you a quick glance at what to expect for the next three days, with predictions based on weather forecasts combined with radar data from 23 years of spring migration. These

forecasts are updated daily. The live migration maps take data from weather radars, which can detect migrating birds, and package them up into quantified maps: one for each night of migration. Each animation packs a wealth of information, with shading showing migration traffic rates: the estimated number of birds migrating per hour across any given kilometer in the continental US. Check it out. It's amazing!

by Lewis Young

MARCH WITH FAS IN BIGFORK'S JULY 4, 2018 PARADE

FAS members, families and friends are invited to celebrate the Year of the Bird and the good and still young USA by marching in the annual Bigfork 4th of July parade.

This is an opportunity to flap your wings in colorful bird costumes and/or face paint of your own creation or from FAS education trunks and to carry signs about FAS activities. Other marchers may simply prefer to wear their birding clothes and binoculars. (Note: Wearing a hat, sunscreen and carrying a water bottle is also a good idea on the 4th) Bird costumes were a particular hit with spectators, especially chil-

dren, during last year's parade when FAS made its inaugural march.

We will line up from 9 to 11 AM along Grand Avenue (behind Bigfork High School and up Grand Avenue from the back of the Bigfork Fire Station). The parade begins at 11 AM and will walk the parade route to the end of Electric Avenue, cross the old bridge over the Swan River and ending up at Sliter's Park.

For more parade information, go to www.bigfork.org. We hope you will march with us—it's so much fun! *by Paula Smith*

LOONS AND LEAD you can help!

Here in northwest Montana we are fortunate to have both a population of common loons and good fishing in many lakes that support loons. Unfortunately, the lead sinkers and jigs often used for fishing pose a significant threat to loons. Loons often swallow fishing tackle and lead is toxic to loons. One lead sinker can kill a loon. Lead sinkers and jigs 1 ½ inches or smaller along the longest axis are known to cause loon mortality. In our neighboring state of Washington, 1/3 of loon mortalities from 1999-2010 were attributed to lead poisoning.



Numerous other studies around the country have documented the same adverse effects. Many other species such as waterfowl and fish also suffer from lead toxicity.

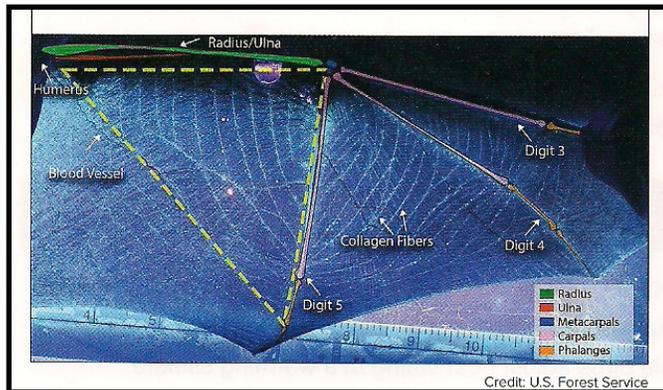
The good news is that non-toxic alternatives

for fishing tackle are available at local fishing supply stores and online from many sources. A list of 35 companies that sell lead free tackle is available on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website: go to www.pca.state.mn.us then search for nontoxic tackle. Tell all your fishing friends about the problem with loons and lead tackle and be sure to add that non-toxic alternatives are easily available. The quicker more people become aware of the problem and switch to non-toxic fishing tackle the quicker the lead poisoning rate in loons will decline.

More information about loons and lead poisoning is available from the Montana Loon Society (www.montanaloons.org) and the Montana Common Loon Working Group (chammond@mt.gov).

Biologists Use Wing Prints To Identify Bats

Wing prints may identify bats as reliably as fingerprints do humans, researchers recently reported. In a study published in the *Journal of Mammalogy*, U.S. Forest Service biologists showed how biometrics can identify bats without the need to band them. Studying little brown bats (*Myotis lucifugus*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), big brown bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*), and tricolored bats (*Perimyotis subflavus*), the



team found collagen-elastin bundles, which crisscross bat wings to make them strong yet flexible, were unique and consistent over time. Using wing prints could eliminate banding injuries which is important due to negative effects white-nose syndrome can have on wing areas where the bands are attached.

adapted from *The Wildlife Society Professional*

WEST VALLEY NATURALISTS

West Valley Naturalists are thrilled that Denny Olsen will lead our program on April 30. Denny says that he will present a program on Bird Brains. We are certain that the attendees will come away with a totally different notion of what that term means. This presentation will be held in the boardroom of West Valley

School, 2290 Farm to Market Road, at PM on Monday, April 30. Guides will meet you at the main entrance to show you the way. This is open to the public with no charge...and who knows.... you might come away with a few Doves in your pocket!

Wildfire in the Bigfork Area – May 1, *Science on Tap*

Ali Umwelling, Rick Trembath, Bret Pargman, and former Bigfork Fire Chief Mark Thiry, will talk about the history and ecology of wildfires in the Bigfork Area, and about fire safety, May 1, 6 PM, at the Flathead Lake Brewing Company in Bigfork, as part of the *Science on Tap* series.

Science on Tap presentations will continue over the summer but at a different location. For information about the summer schedule visit www.scienceontapflathead.org/



Thank You!

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Montana Native Plant Society Field Trip

Flathead Chapter of Montana Native Plant Society invites you to their Birdsong Tree Farm Evening Stroll on Wednesday, May 16. Birdsong Tree Farm is adjacent to the Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Area and supports a diversity of native and non-native plants. Owner Valerie Beebe diligently implements her land management plan with the help of a conservation easement, Certified Family Forest (tree farm), and lots of hard work. We'll see and hear about changes to the forest community as a result of Valerie's work, and some that occurred on their own. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy at her outdoor living space and teepee. See <https://www.facebook.com/BirdsongTreeFarm> for more about Birdsong Tree Farm.

Meeting time/location: 5:30 PM. Parking lot east of the Social Security and Driver Services offices in Kalispell or 5:45 at Birdsong Tree Farm - call Valerie for directions: cedartrees4me@montanasky.us or 406.253.8536.

For a current list of Montana Native Plant Society, Flathead Field trips, go to <http://www.mtnativeplants.org/Flathead>.

Mission Mountain Audubon May Program

Thursday May 10, 7 PM, Polson Library Meeting Room. "Tracking Moose in Western Montana" by Jessie Newby, wildlife biologist, Montana FWP.



Be sure to check flatheadaudubon.org for



Late breaking FAS news and announcements
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