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Gael Bissell and Alan Wood Are Honored at Flathead Audubon's Second Recognition of Outstanding Conservation Achievements

Flathead Audubon's second Recognition of Outstanding Conservation Achievements was presented to Gael Bissell and Alan Wood at our February meeting. Gael and Alan are with the Region Office of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Kalispell. Gael is the Habitat Conservation Biologist/Management Biologist, and Alan is the Wildlife Mitigation.

The presentation was made by Lynn Kelly, a past president of Flathead Audubon, and current President of the Montana Loon Society. Lynn teaches science at the Polson Middle School.

Below is the text of the presentation.



Welcome Gael Bissell and Alan Wood.

Tonight Flathead Audubon is privileged to honor you both for your biological expertise, your vision for the Thompson/Fisher River Drainages, your communication skills, and your persistence in securing a major habitat conservation project for this area. You provided the leadership for your agency, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, to cooperate with The Plum Creek Timber Company in securing a conservation easement on 141,000 acres of Plum Creek land in the Thompson and Fisher River Drainages. This easement will protect wildlife populations and maintain recreational access in perpetuity. We have great praise for you and all the parties to this accomplishment.

Gael, you first told Flathead Audubon of this significant area in October 1996 at our monthly meeting devoted to Quality of Life issues. In 1997 you updated us on the value of the habitat, and field trips followed to the area. Thank you for keeping us informed as this project developed.

Since your graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, cum laude, and your Masters of Science Degree from the University of Montana, you have been involved in wildlife research here in Montana. We specifically note your efforts to protect Montana's Common Loons. You secured Fish Wildlife and Parks Living with Wildlife grants the past two years to initiate and fund the Loon Ranger Program. The Loon Rangers monitor Loon activity on area lakes, including the Thompson Chain of Lakes. The implementation of this program was vital to Loon management in Montana. The public education provided by these Loon Rangers has resulted in a decrease in boating disturbance during Loon nesting season, which has yielded an increase in the production of Loon chicks in Montana.

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FAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2002

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002 The Flathead Audubon Society General Meeting will feature a presentation entitled: "Glacial Lake Missoula: How Giant Floods of the Ice Age Shaped the Pacific Northwest." The presenter will be Lex Blood, a geology and geography instructor from Flathead Valley Community College. Please join us! The meeting begins at 7:30PM at the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Building at 490 Meridian Road in Kalispell. The Board of Directors will meet at 5:30PM prior to the general meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Field trips: Overnight Trip to Freezeout Lake and the Lower Valley Waterfowl Trip. Please see page 3 inside for details.



CHICKADEE CHATTER

The end of February is here and the ground outside lies buried under nearly a foot of fresh, fluffy, very white and very cold snow. Yesterday morning amidst a blizzard three puffed up Varied Thrushes showed up in the yard. It was wonderful to see them and I can hardly wait to hear their haunting songs. But they will wait for warmer weather and higher elevation before they will sing and so for now I must content myself with their presence. I usually have Varied Thrush visit every spring and fall but this is three or even four weeks early for them to grace my yard. Even now they are under the birdfeeders gleaning sunflower hearts from the snow.

With all the snow and wind and general frostiness of late February all around us I thought I might tell you one more tale of adventure in a foreign land. Aotearoa is the Maori name for the green islands of New Zealand and it translates to mean "land of the long white cloud". The Maori were right, of course, only they needed to add rainy to the description. The last few days of my adventures in NZ were spent on the east coast and in a city called Dunedin. It is a lovely city built on steep green hills that overlook a protected harbor and the Otago Peninsula that juts out into the Pacific Ocean. What had drawn me to this area was the Peninsula and the opportunity to see albatross and penguins.

The Otago is quite remarkable with a little bit of everything, rocky headlands, sandy ocean washed beaches, lush pastures complete with mostly sheep, charming villages with lots of wonderful pottery shops and best of all seemingly untouched spots where wildlife thrives. The drive along the harbor to the rocky headland at the tip of the Otago is about twenty miles and it will take you nearly an hour. The road winds around the base of the peninsula not ten feet from the waters of the harbor. It is somewhat akin to driving the Going to the Sun road but instead of a steep cliff on one side you have dark waters.

The views across the harbor were of misty, lush, dark green hills and city. The hilltops were obscured because it was raining again. It was early Sunday morning and I had the road mostly to myself. The tide was just going out leaving shallow areas by the road exposed and gulls, comorants, swans and shorebirds were coming in to find good things to eat on the exposed land. I couldn't stop though as I was on my way to the very tip of the Otago to see the Royal Albatross. It is a place called Taiaroa Head.



It is here that the only mainland albatross colony in the world is situated.

The winds were blowing but the rain had abated as I got out the car at the visitor center (which has been put in place so that the breeding birds will not be disturbed). I had booked a tour of the colony, which is today protected as a nature reserve. The trust that operates the tours and protects the colony (not only from people but other predators such as feral cats and stoats) has built a wonderful blind that overlooks the nesting area. This breeding season, which had just begun in October there were a record number of 13 breeding pairs visible from the blind with the closest pair only 30 feet from the blind.

The Royal Albatross is one of the world's largest sea birds with a wingspan of up to 11 feet. It is one of thirteen species of albatross that inhabit the world's ocean. Albatross have long narrow wings, short tails and a long heavy bill. The albatross is truly an ocean going bird and spends more than 80% of its life flying over the oceans and only coming to land to breed. The Royal Albatross mate for life and will lay one egg every other year. It will take nearly 300 days from the time the egg is laid until the young albatross is ready to try it wings and the parent birds are very attentive to the baby for the entire time. The parent birds will take turns feeding at sea and the chick is rarely left alone.

It was a wonderful experience to see these majestic birds flying overhead, they fly effortlessly in the 10 to 20mph winds that continuously blow on the Head. I watched one bird fly overhead and then it gracefully swooped a 100 feet to the ocean below and up again and finally off into the wild skies over the Pacific Ocean until it disappeared in the distance. I watched as another bird appeared in the distance and came to land at one of the nests to relieve its mate. The incoming bird came in and nuzzled its mate with its razor sharp beak in a surprisingly tender display of affection, it was very charming and quite captured my heart.

It was one of the highlights of the trip to see these birds. I have always wanted to see one of these beautiful ocean wanderers. Albatross of old were considered by mariners to be birds of fortune and good omen and so ended my stay in New Zealand. The last day dawned bright and sunny and not a cloud in sight, birds were singing and everything was green and glistening and I knew that this would not be the last time I would stand on these shores.

LESLIE KEHOE

Postscript: I did get to see the penguins on that same afternoon but that is another story...



MARCH PROGRAM

"Glacial Lake Missoula: How Giant Floods of the Ice Age Shaped the Pacific Northwest."

The March meeting of Flathead Audubon will feature a presentation entitled: "Glacial Lake Missoula: How Giant Floods of the Ice Age Shaped the Pacific Northwest." The presenter will be Lex Blood, a geology and geography instructor from Flathead Valley Community College. A longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, Blood has a Ph.D. in geology from the Colorado School of Mines.

Thousands of years ago, much of western Montana was submerged under a sprawling lake. When ice-dams melted and broke, the lake spilled out of Montana, into Idaho and Washington, creating many of the most dramatic landscape features of the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Blood will tell the story of these geologic events and tell how to look for tell-tale clues of the lakes and floods in modern Montana.

By Karen Nichols

MARCH AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 30-31: FREEZEOUT LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TRIP. Migrate over to Montana's premier migration stopover! In past years, more than 40 bird species, including thousands of Snow Geese have been counted. Call leader to arrange carpool. We will meet at the Tidyman's Parking Area at 10:30AM Saturday March 30 in time to watch geese arrive at Freezeout Lake that evening. Stay overnight at the Bella Vista Motel in Choteau. After watching the geese leave the lake Sunday morning, head for home in time to arrive in Kalispell by 5 p.m. Please call Dan Casey, 857-3143 or email at caseys4@centurytel.net.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30: LOWER VALLEY WATERFOWL TOUR. Please join FAS for a 3-4 hour guided tour of the wetland areas in the Somers area and the north shore of Flathead Lake. We will search for resident and migrating waterfowl mostly but we should see a wide variety of raptors and early songbirds. This is a great time to bone up on your ducks and get into the spirit of spring. Join us for a morning of early spring bird watching. We will meet at the Somers Recreation Area (the boat ramp) at 8:30 a.m. For more information please contact Bruce Tannehill, 862-4548 or Tanne@digisys.net

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Alan, your work for wildlife rests on an impressive educational background: Bachelor of Science, Utah State University; Master of Wildlife and Range Resources, Brigham Young University; Ph.D. Wildlife Management, Montana State University, Bozeman

You have designed a number of wildlife development plans and wildlife mitigation plans in Montana and other states. Recognition of your achievements includes a series of Biologist of the Year Awards and Certificates of Appreciation.

Gael and Alan, last year Jim Williams, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Wildlife Manager and Alan Christiansen of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation recognized your professionalism and dedication by nominating you both for The Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society Biologists of the Year Award. This nomination was successful, and The Wildlife Society presented the Award to you both at their 2001 meeting. Also in 2001 you received The Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director's Award of Excellence.

The Thompson/ Fisher River Conservation Easement Team consisted of Debby Dills, Martha Williams, Bobbi Keefer, and Gael and Alan. This team completed a major conservation project, protecting wildlife populations and maintaining recreational access in perpetuity by placing a conservation easement on 141,000 acres of Plum Creek Company lands in the Thompson/Fisher River Drainages of northwest Montana. This easement is the largest of its kind in Montana's conservation history. They wrestled with a nontraditional approach that required unique and innovative terms to insure the value of these lands as wildlife habitat and corporate timberlands. The strong support from Dan Vincent, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region One Supervisor, was crucial to moving this project forward. Approval for the project came from Pat Graham, former Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, especially Region 1 Commissioner Charlie Decker, and Steve Knapp, Habitat Bureau Chief, Helena.

We congratulate and thank Fish, Wildlife and Parks for arranging and helping to fund this conservation easement.

We applaud this innovative easement, and applaud you, Gael and Alan, for your role in bringing it to fruition. We understand that this is a grand beginning to further work toward securing easements on other Plum Creek lands.

Gael and Alan, please accept these Flathead Audubon cups. We toast your conservation achievement and wish you continued success.

By Linda Winnie





FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DAN CASEY



Why Keep A List?

Last Thursday Bob Rost came into my office and asked if Susannah and I wanted to go see a Northern Mockingbird in Somers. Of course I did; after all, I needed the bird for my state list! So off we went, all of us at least mentally checking off the mockingbird on our respective lists. A Golden-crowned Kinglet on the way was year bird #99 for me.

Everyone knows at least one birder that seems almost obsessive about keeping lists. Life list, year list, state lists, yard list, birds heard on TV. How many bird species can we find in one day (Big Day, Birdathon)? How many species have been seen at a favorite spot? There are those people that look down on the habit of listing as nothing more than the birder's equivalent of trophy hunting, at its best nothing more than a trivial pursuit. After all, shouldn't we all be applying the passion we have for the outdoors to a more noble cause? Shouldn't we aspire to being considered "ornithologists" and conservationists rather than mere birdwatchers?

Perhaps there is some merit to the argument that people driven solely by the desire to accumulate long lists have their priorities wrong. Birding should not be an egotistical pursuit. At its best, it should help connect us with the natural world, deepen our awe at the wonder of natural diversity on our planet. Most of us involved in Audubon understand this, and that birds provide a wonderful barometer of the health of ecosystems. The more we know about birds, the better able we are to make educated decisions regarding land use. We come to know that healthy bird populations are a benchmark of sustainable forestry, of responsible agricultural practices, of land stewardship. Where does listing fit in?

The last decade has been an exciting one for bird conservation. The Partners in Flight movement began, and for the first time a multitude of agencies, organizations and concerned birders worked together to define priorities for most bird species, across the continent. Unprecedented efforts in planning, monitoring and education have put birds and their habitat needs at the forefront of landscape-level approaches to land management. But at the core of this effort has been the simple need to know which birds occur where. Lists.

Montana Bird Distribution, *the* source for bird range information in our state, is compiled almost entirely from the field notes of birders like you. The list of birds we've developed for the Owen Sowerwine Area will help shape its management over time. And there has been an explosion of internet-based birding applications: the Audubon Christmas Count, Backyard Bird Count, Feeder Watch, and other Cornell and Bird Studies Canada programs all capitalize on the initiative of citizen scientists, putting bird lists to work. "Amateur" birder is almost a misnomer these days.

Seven years ago I took up the habit of tracking both year and state lists. To me, it brought back the sense of wonder I first felt as a teenager, discovering the exotic birds in my neighborhood. So *that's* were I might find a redstart! Wow, Tree Swallows return early! And 15 shorebird species on a hot August afternoon, right here in Somers, imagine that. Maybe the road less traveled would be a better choice for adding a few birds to my Idaho list, or a walk instead of lunch to get that first White-throated Sparrow for Wyoming? A 1700 mile drive? Nothing more than the opportunity to add birds to 7 state lists! And each spring brings the excitement of unlimited potential, of daily rewards.

So here we are on the cusp of Spring. If you haven't started a year list, why not do it now? Maybe it will help you find that Important Bird Area to nominate for protection; maybe it will rekindle some enthusiasm for making the most of every day. Even as I write this, a sense of expectation is in the air. With all the fresh snow outside, the yard is swarming with birds. Maybe a Varied Thrush will make an appearance. They're already on my yard list, but would make a nice #100 for the year, don't you think?

By Dan Casey, Board Member and CBC compiler.





THE 2002 BIRDATHON

Imagine a beautiful May morning, and you are watching warblers flit through the brush on the Owen Sowerwine. To make it better, add the excitement of knowing that every species that you see is important and helps to raise money for the license on this property.

This year Flathead Audubon has decided to try a new and, we hope, exciting type of birdathon. One of our goals is to raise money that will be split between support for our Owen Sowerwine License and support for Montana Audubon. We have started a fund to support the Owen Sowerwine license and allow us to invest in projects such as better parking and the building of a Kiosk. The rules for this Birdathon are going to be different. Instead of counting the number of species that a group sees any where in Montana during a 24 hour period, we will count the number of different species seen on just the Owen Sowerwine by all of participants during a one month period following our May meeting. Our second goal is encourage the membership to enjoy this remarkable environment. Birdathons raise money by having people or businesses pledge a certain amount per species seen during the period. So if you spend a morning birding on the Owen Sowerwine, it will not only be fun and educational, but you will help raise money for the license.

The rules will be something like this – In order to participate you must get at least one pledge. We are hoping that you will get most of the pledges from people outside of our membership. Pledges should be an amount per species seen. We are hoping to see somewhere between 75 and 100 species. We will supply pledge forms. The pledge forms need to be returned to me.

The participants will take trips to Owen Sowerwine and keep track of the number of different species seen on each trip. The visits could be for 15 minutes or all day. They will send this list to me as soon as possible by mail or email. I will keep a list and share that information with all participants.

At the end of the birdathon we will send a list of the species seen and a pledge follow-up form to everyone that made a pledge. As a participant you are responsible for helping us find pledges, but you do not have to help collect the money. What a great deal!

If you have suggestions questions or want to help, please contact: Bruce Tannehill at 862-4548 or tanne@digisys.net



HELP FOR STUDENTS IS APPRECIATED

The education committee recently reported on two events in which local birdwatchers have benefited from the generosity of community members:

The first of these involves the class set of FAS binoculars which are used extensively in adult education, school outreach and community naturalist programs. These binoculars were in need of lens cleaning cloths; the lenses were becoming smudged and lens paper had the potential of creating liter. Vision Clinic, the office of Drs. Don Alzner and Stan Smith, has donated reusable high quality cleaning cloths which have been placed in each case of binoculars. The students' vision is becoming clearer all ready.

The second example of generosity was exhibited by Ellen Cook. She allowed a group of second graders from Hedges school to complete part of their Great Backyard Bird Count in her backyard on Friday afternoon. Not only did she supply lawn chairs so each student could have a clear view of all the myriad birds coming to her feeders in large numbers; she also served hot chocolate and cowboy cookies after the counts had been made. The young bird watchers were treated like royalty; they seem to be hooked on bird watching now too! MANY THANKS!

BY LINDA de KORT

BIRD FESTIVAL 2002: BIRDING IN PARADISE MAY 31 – JUNE 2

For the third consecutive year, Montana Audubon will be celebrating Montana's birds in Bird Festival 2002: Birding in Paradise, May 31 – June 2. Co-hosted by Sacajawea Audubon and Pintler Audubon, the three-day event, held in and around Livingston, will include more than a dozen programs related to bird identification, behavior and habitat as well as up to 30 field trips to area birding "hotspots".

The event also features a variety of social activities and opportunities to talk about birding with bird enthusiasts from around Montana and the west. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ken Dial from the University of Montana whose research into the origin and function of flight is world-renowned.

For more information on the festival, contact Loren Flynn at Montana Audubon's western field office – (406) 777-0780 - or check the Montana Audubon web site (www.mtaudubon.org) in early April for a full program and registration information.





RECENT BOARD ACTIVITIES

The FAS board is seeking input. If you would like to help with any of the board activities, please contact a board member; their phone numbers are on the back of this newsletter.

A nominations committee was formed, consisting of Bruce Tannehill, Neal Brown and Linda de Kort (chair). If you know of individuals, including yourself, who would be interesting in serving on the board or a committee, please contact the nominations committee.

The board has been investigating the feasibility of joining the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. We would be most interested in attending Natural Resource Committee meetings. If you have opinions about this possibility, please contact a board member.

Flathead Audubon has agreed to help with the Forestry Expo weekend, May 11 and 12. If you would like to help with the display or demonstrations, please contact a board member.

The FAS board voted to participate in a conference entitled: Celebrating Conservation in the Flathead. This event will be held April 20 at Kalispell Center Mall. It will provide good opportunity to highlight exemplary conservation success stories in the Flathead including Owen Sowerwine and the Thompson Chain of Lakes.

Members of the board are working on a birding hotspots brochure for the Flathead.

Bruce Tannehill is investigating some new approaches to Birdathon which is one of our major fundraisers. If you would like to help out with that activity, please contact Bruce. Bruce, our trusty treasurer, is always looking for novel ways to add to our chapters coffers. So recently, when he was presented with an honorarium by the Good Sam's Club for speaking to their group about local birds, he donated his earnings to Flathead Audubon. **Thanks, trusty treasurer!**

Birdseed sales are another major fundraiser. If you would like to help on the birdseed committee (researching sources and marketing of seeds) please contact a board member.

Ferne Cohen was elected to the board for a one year term. Welcome back Ferne! Ferne is the visionary and executor of the newly established FAS Conservation Achievement Recognitions. If you have suggestions of dedicated people who have made extraordinary contributions to the conservation of the natural values of our valley, please contact Ferne.

The education committee is revving up for the spring. Beauty of Birds class will be offered in March through District #5 Adult Education with all

proceeds going to Flathead Audubon. The Community Naturalist are being contacted and encouraged to call the elementary schools to offer assistance for bird watching field trips this spring. If you would like to help with the community naturalist program, please contact Sonja Hartman or Linda de Kort.

Linda Winnie and Brent Mitchell represented FAS at the board meeting of Montana Audubon in Helena on January 26.

Comments on the Moose Fire Project and Lost Trail Hunt Plan have been submitted on behalf of FAS by the Conservation Chair, Brent Mitchell. The Draft of the Master Plan for Owen Sowerwine Natural Area is complete. Contact a board member if you would like to peruse a copy, 45 pages long.
By Linda de Kort



Flathead Audubon Scholarships Available

Have you ever wanted to sign yourself or a child in your life up for a natural history class or camp, and just not had the finances? Flathead Audubon would like to help. Our educational scholarships are available to adults or kids, and can be applied to help pay for such experiences as Glacier Institute classes or camps, Dan Casey's bird classes at FVCC, or other class that share the wonders of the natural world with students. If you are a teacher, this can be applied to classes that would help you get more comfortable with a natural history topic to share with your students.

To apply, simply e-mail Linda Winnie at Lindawin@cyberport.net for an application, or request an application by writing to Flathead Audubon, Scholarship Program, PO Box 9173, Kalispell, MT 59904. Scholarships are awarded on a first come- first serve basis to qualified applicants, so apply soon!

By Sonja Hartmann

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The Environmental Qualities of The Flathead Valley: Water Quality, Jack Stanford, Director, Flathead Lake Biological Station.

The Future of National Forest Management: Achieving environmental and economic balance on the National Forests. Bob Munson, Co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Alliance.

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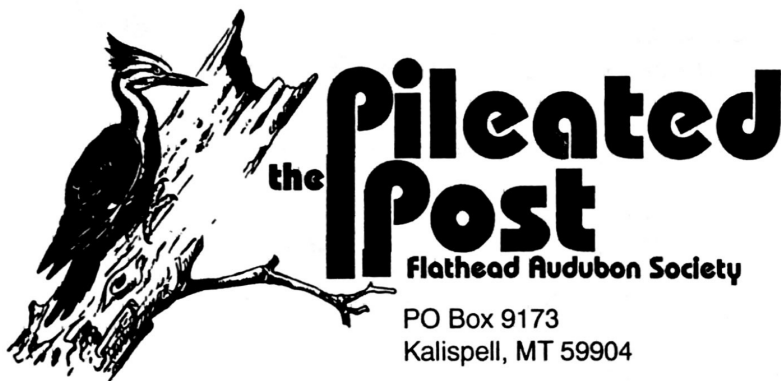
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