



# Pileated Post

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## President's Corner

Sustainable economies, environments, communities and lifestyles. These and other closely related topics were covered by the series of lectures and discussions at Flathead Valley Community College called "Which way to Tomorrow, Part II". Flathead Audubon was a co-sponsor of the series.

On what is the economy of our area based? Are timber interests and environmental interests mutually exclusive or mutually dependent? How does the public input process affect decisions made with regard to jobs, recreation, quality of life and basic economic stability? These questions were explored, dissected and documented and communicated by panelists and community members alike.

The moderator, Lex Blood, did a good job of keeping things on track. It's quite an education to note that county commissioners and other elected officials were conspicuous by their absence. It was an eye opener to hear speakers change their tunes (nearly 180 degrees), depending on whom they were talking to - not what they were talking about. By the same token, it was reassuring to see which speakers maintained their theme, direction and tone, no matter what group of citizens they addressed. The community meetings were anything but drab.

Knowing what is happening in our community and being able to see trends and predict outcomes for the future gives us valuable insight. What is happening in the valley now is affecting each one of us, from the youngest

to the eldest.

Will we subdivide the Last Best Place? Will we pave paradise and create a parking lot? We can love this place to death. Community meetings of this caliber give us the opportunity to be a part of the process and question the status quo.

**Brent Mitchell**

## Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

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**\*4/12/93 - Board of Directors Dinner Meeting**, 5 pm, at the Bigfork Inn. Open to all those interested.

**Regular Chapter Meeting: United**

Methodist Church, Commerce & Electric Avenues, Bigfork. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.; Program - 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Program:** Rebecca Johns of Bigfork will give a presentation, illustrated with slides, on her trip to Nepal. She presently teaches kindergarten in Kalispell and has taught in several western states and Australia. She has also traveled in Central and South America.

**\*4/21 thru 25: EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES.** Sponsored by Citizens for a Better Flathead, the Earth Day Activities will be conducted at Gateway West Mall in Kalispell where exhibitors and other donors will participate.

**\*4/24/93; Lower Valley Waterfowl II Field Trip.** Half-day trip; meet at Levensgood's parking lot (intersection of hwy 82 and 93) at 8:30 a.m. Dan and Susannah Casey will be the field trip leaders. (857-3143)





## The Editor's Spotting Scope

It's been a long winter - and a white one. And then, gradually, things began to change. A robin flew into the garden in late February, took a quick look around and left hurriedly, but nevertheless, he was here. There was a familiar rat-a-tat-tat in the old dead tree east of the house; the pileated woodpecker was getting ready to set up housekeeping. As the snow melted, the daffodils pushed through and the lilacs showed signs of wanting to burst forth.

And then the singing started. The chickadees had called all winter, and now the other birds have found their voices and going outside is a delight. The spirit lifts and prepares to soar as the birds usher in the spring season.

As a child, raised on the Arizona desert, spring meant going barefooted again, a freedom of sorts. As an adult in Montana, spring offers other freedoms, all calculated to improve your outlook on life: fewer jackets, sweaters and/or coats to put on just to go outside; more daylight hours to make use of; and a wider variety of birds to watch as the migratory travelers return.

And there is another harbinger of spring: the beginning of the Flathead Audubon field trips. The Lower Valley Waterfowl Trips start if off. The first one was in March and the second one will be on April 24. This field trip seems to get the season off to a good start. Following Dan and Susannah Casey from one pond or stream to another in the lower Flathead Valley, and listening to them identify the waterfowl being seen, is a great birding experience.

Many, many years ago there was a fixed image of bird watchers; Prissy, prim women in sturdy shoes and stodgy, stuffy men in tweed. If you were

interested in bird watching, you did it on the sly and certainly not in groups. But all that has changed (thanks, in part, to Audubon), and now you and I share that interest. And do prissy, prim women and stodgy, stuffy men go on birding field trips? Why not join Dan and Susannah on April 24 and find out.

**Sharon Bergman**

## Eye the Eagle on Your Montana Tax Forms!

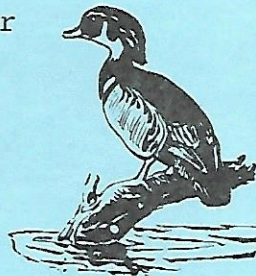


***The eagle marks the box where you can donate to the Nongame Wildlife Program; your donation is tax deductible.***

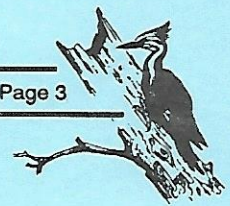
A swooping eagle draws your attention to a particular box on your Montana state income tax form, where you can personally help many of Montana's Watchable Wildlife species. Your tax-deductible contribution goes directly to the state's Nongame Wildlife Program.

What are nongame species? They include eagles and hawks and also the birds at our feeders. More than 500 species that dwell in Montana depend on public support each year at tax time.

The wildlife checkoff box provides a great opportunity for Montanans to assist all fish and wildlife. Eye the eagle and check the box!







## Conservation Commments

### Birds in Flight - a Great Effort.

One of the most exciting developments in recent years is the widespread cooperative effort being made to protect America's migratory and resident bird species.

The effort is being led by the "Birds in Flight" program of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, a national organization with members from state and federal wildlife and land management agencies. Cooperating with Birds in Flight are non-government conservation organizations and private companies. National Audubon's "Birds in Balance" campaign is our contribution to the program.

Flathead Audubon's Dan Casey, an employee of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, is chairman of the Montana Neotropical working committee which is the steering committee for Birds in Flight in Montana.



This project is exciting in view of the nationwide, all inclusive effort to protect wildlife and habitat as this program entails. It is exciting because, as Casey has said, "Birds are habitat specific and if we protect habitat for birds, we will be providing habitat protection for all species."

It is also exciting in the sense that there is in this project such commitment from so many sources to non-game species. For a long time Flathead Audubon and the other Montana Audubon chapters have worked through the state council to promote non-game, watchable wildlife. It is gratifying to see the concern for all species and habitats elevated to such a nationwide effort.

The theme of the Montana Audubon Council meeting in Missoula on May 8 will focus on migratory birds. Susan Carlson of the National Audubon staff, who is involved in the leadership of the Birds in Balance program, will be a speaker at the council meeting.

An excellent periodical called "Birds in Flight" can be received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 1120 Connecticut Ave., NW Suite 900, Bender Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Rod Ash

## Arctic Ecology Field Trip

June 20-29, 1993, Dr. Charles Jonkel and Jerry Hickman will lead an ecology trip to Churchill, Manitoba on Hudson Bay through the University of Montana. The Arctic Ecology series of classes is organized to give the participant the maximum chance to learn and be exposed to the wildlife of the Arctic, the human society and the ecology of the area around Churchill. College credit is available from the trip through Salish Kootenai College and the University of Montana.

June trip highlights will include birds (with 82 species seen in 1989), beachcombing, fossils, wildflowers, foxes, whales, caribou, frogs and lichens!

For more information, please call Dr. Jonkel at (406) 728-9380, Frank Tyro at (406) 675-4800 or Jerry Hickman in Spokane at (509) 467-4942.

- Jerry Hickman

## Welcome To Those New Among Us



R. Price, Coram; Joe Hibbitts, Eureka; Leonard Sauerbier, Dennis Strait, Charles Rogers and Dean Brist, all of Kalispell; and Pauline Perry of Whitefish.



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## Edwards' Bill Would Bolster Nation's Key Wetlands Law

**R**ep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) has reintroduced a bill to strengthen the nation's key wetlands law, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Other measures to weaken the law are expected to be introduced soon.

### BACKGROUND

Edwards introduced his bill, H.R. 350, the first day of the new Congress in January. It is a stronger version of the bill he sponsored last year and would expand Section 404, which currently regulates only the filling of wetlands, to cover draining, excavation, and other potentially harmful activities. The bill would also streamline the process for obtaining a 404 permit, direct the EPA to consider recommendations from scientists when determining a new definition for wetlands, and create incentives for the con-

servation of privately owned wetlands.

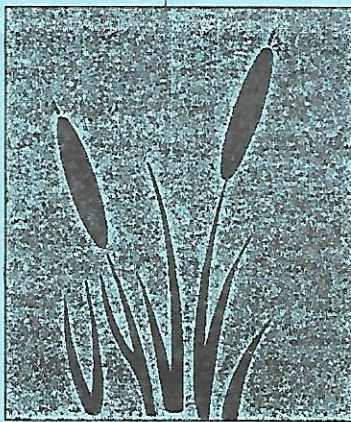
Rep. Jimmy Hayes (D-La.) is expected to reintroduce his anti-wetlands bill within a month, though the details of the legislation were unavailable at press time. The bill introduced by Hayes last session would have weakened Section 404 and allowed the development of "low quality" wetlands, while allowing the government to protect "high quality" wetlands only by purchasing them.

### STATUS

Edwards' bill had 41 cosponsors at press time. It has been referred to three relevant committees.

### ACTION

Write to your House member and ask him or her to cosponsor H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act of 1993.



### MEET THE BOARD

(This feature spotlights Flathead Audubon members who serve on the Board of Directors.)



**Name:** Gail Leonard  
**Position:** Secretary, Librarian  
**Board Member:** 5 years  
**Originally from:** Savona, New York  
**Present home:** Whitefish

*We need another and a wiser and perhaps a more mystical concept of animals.*

Remote from universal nature, and living by complicated artifice, man in civilization surveys the creature through the glass of his knowledge and sees thereby a feather magnified and the whole image in distortion. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken a form so below ourselves. And within we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth.

*Henry Beston, 1928*





## Flathead Audubon Society Scholarship Program

The Flathead Audubon Scholarship Program is accepting applications from members for this summer's Glacier Institute classes. Among the finest outdoor/environmental education programs in the Rocky Mountains, the Glacier Institute is geared for the scientist, artist, teacher or anyone with a curiosity for the natural history of this beautiful national park.

The scholarships are offered to Audubon members of all ages and cover all or part of the tuition. (Fees for college credit, transportation costs, room and board are not covered.) The various courses offered vary in cost and length and are described in the Glacier Institute brochure, which is available by contacting The Glacier Institute, (777 Grandview Drive) P.O. Box 1457A, Kalispell, MT 59903. After deciding on the course offered, the applicant should complete the form below and submit it for consideration.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Audubon members will be given preference.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Scholarship is applicable to any one course offered by the Glacier Institute. One-day explorations are available, as well as 2-5 day courses.

Scholarships cover all or a percentage of the tuition.

The application must be received on or before **May 1, 1993** by the Flathead Audubon Society, Box 715, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Successful applicants who are unable to attend must contact the Flathead Audubon Society 3 weeks prior to the 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 who are: Robin Magaddino (837-4294) and Jean Robocker (756-6344).

### APPLICATION

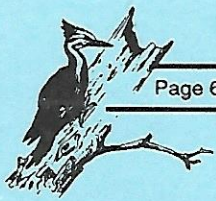
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On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions.

- 1) Briefly describe your background.
- 2) Why are you requesting financial assistance and what percentage of tuition do you require?
- 3) What led you to take this course and how do you plan to use the newly-gained knowledge?





**\*\*\* MEMBER OF THE MONTH \*\*\*****Lynn Kelly**

As a pre-school youngster living in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lynn Kelly felt she was the luckiest kid in the world. A creek ran through the property where the family lived and Lynn spent all her spare time catching polliwogs, turtles, snakes, rabbits and all the other wiggly wildlife she could get her hands on. She was devastated when her father, an electrical engineer, announced they would be moving.

Born in Syracuse, NY, they had moved a lot as Lynn was growing up. She was schooled in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson and went on to college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Field Ecology.

She got to know Montana because her family members homesteaded at Circle, and her grandfather was the first veterinarian in the Mission Valley. "We passed through the state everytime we moved," Lynn commented. "After I got my BA, I went to St. Ignatius in 1975 and worked for my uncle. I never left Montana after that."

In 1977, Lynn got her teaching credentials and was hired by the Polson school district. Today she teaches 7th grade life science. Shortly after she began teaching, Marcie Bishop took her to a Flathead Audubon meeting and she became actively involved. In January, 1984, she became the president and served in that position until September, 1986. She then became a director, a position she holds today, and recently she agreed to serve as the Refuge Chair.

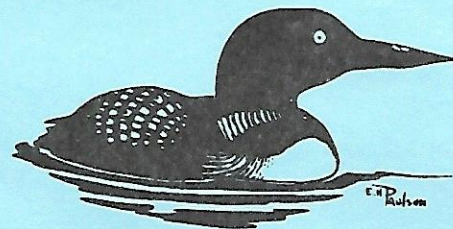
Has Lynn rested on her laurels? Not hardly. In 1985, Don Skaar was working on a Montana Loon Study and was looking for money and volunteers to do

a general survey on loons. Lynn got into it and the following year when she went for her masters degree at MSU, in fish and wildlife management, her master's thesis was based on loons. A few years later the Montana Loon Society was formed, advocating the protection of loon's nests and conducting the statewide loon census. Lynn is the current president of this organization.

She is also very active with the Montana Environmental Education Ass'n. and is the Project W.I.L.D. facilitator for the state, the main function of which is to train teachers to get wildlife into the classrooms.

When school is out for the summer, will she take it easy and just count loons? No, you may not see her at all. She will be in Alaska all summer, directing an environmental education program on the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge on the Yukon River.

Flathead Audubon's Member of the Month: a very busy, dedicated Lynn Kelly.

**IN THE MAILBOX ...**

To: The Flathead Audubon Society.  
From the bottom of our hearts we, the staff and students of Thompson Falls, thank you for your generous donation of nature books to our Elementary School Library. (Signed by the principal, teachers and other staff members.)





## May Montana Audubon Council Meeting in Missoula

All Audubon members and friends in Montana are invited to the Annual Spring Montana Audubon Council meeting. This year, it will be held in Missoula, and many exciting events are scheduled. The meeting is planned for Friday - Sunday, May 7-9, 1993. May 8 has been designated as International Migratory Bird Day by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Program and Partners in Flight. We will celebrate the day in full!

The MAC meeting will begin with an Executive Committee Meeting at 1 pm on Friday, May 7, to which everyone is invited. A reception at Bill and Lee Ballard's home in the Rattlesnake area officially starts the Council Meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. Special guests will include Susan Carlson from Washington, D.C., one of the creators of Audubon's new Migratory Bird Program "Save our Songbirds", and Bob Turner, Vice-President of Audubon's Rocky Mountain Region. It'll also be your opportunity to meet Jean Cooney Roberts, MAC's newest staff member, and to congratulate MAC staffer Janet Ellis on surviving yet another legislative session.

Saturday morning will dawn on early birders, with a walk along the riverside Kim Williams Nature Trail beginning at 6:30 am. Following no-host breakfast at Goldsmith's Restaurant for any interested participants, the MAC meeting will begin at 9 am at the Missoula Public Library. Hear the results of the legislature from Janet Ellis, and how decisions made will impact chapters' issues. See the National Audubon Society multi-media slide show on migratory birds and what the program can offer your chapter. Be one of the first to view the new Migratory Bird Songbox designed by the Montana Natural History Center. Find out the latest progress on endangered species legislation, and discuss how we can best support it in our chapters. In addition, see the library's exhibit on migratory birds.

Lunch will be on your own in downtown Missoula, or take a picnic to the river. As a unique attraction, native plants that attract wildlife will be offered for sale in the afternoon. A Silent Auction will offer lots of goodies - all proceeds will go to the Council. We will end the meeting with a walk in a special riparian area in Greenough Park right next to downtown Missoula. Look for dipper, thrushes, sapsuckers and hope for warblers and hummingbirds. The walk will finish with plenty of time to rest and relax, or roam around Missoula before dinner, to take place at Zimorino's Restaurant, where you will have several choices from an Italian buffet. A no-host full bar is also available. Dr. Dick Hutto will give the keynote address, with a slide show/discussion on the status of migratory birds in Mexico.

Then, rise early on Sunday for a field trip before returning home. You will have the choice of either a half-day local birdwalk at Maclay Flat, in a wonderful riparian zone, pine forest and grassland, or a full day at the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge. Denver Holt has been birding the Refuge regularly for years, and will be the leader for this field trip. May is a tremendous time to bird Ninepipe - expect ducks, shorebirds, terns, gulls, hawks, owls and much more. Bring a lunch and liquids; carpooling is encouraged.

To reserve a place in the meeting, please send the following form with your check made out to Five Valleys Audubon Society to Lynn Tennefoss, 8850 O'Brien Creek Rd, Missoula, MT 59801 by April 15. Maps, a full agenda and a list of hotels and motels with approximate costs will be sent in receipt. Call Lynn at 406-543-3359 if you have any questions about any aspects of the meeting. On behalf of Five Valleys Audubon Society, we look forward to seeing you!

### Montana Audubon Council Meeting May 7-9, 1993 Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people for meeting and dinner  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people for dinner only  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people for meeting only  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A limited number of rooms are available in chapter member's homes for conference participants. Please indicate here if you would like one: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form with check by April 15 to:

Five Valleys Audubon Society  
c/o Lynn Tennefoss  
8850 O'Brien Creek Road  
Missoula, MT 59801  
(406) 543-3359



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<b>OFFICE</b>	Janet Ellis, P.O. Box 595, Helena, MT 59624	443-3949
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**National Audubon Society  
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Enjoy full National Audubon Society benefits and AUDUBON magazine, as well as PILEATED POST newsletter.

Check your category rate from the following:

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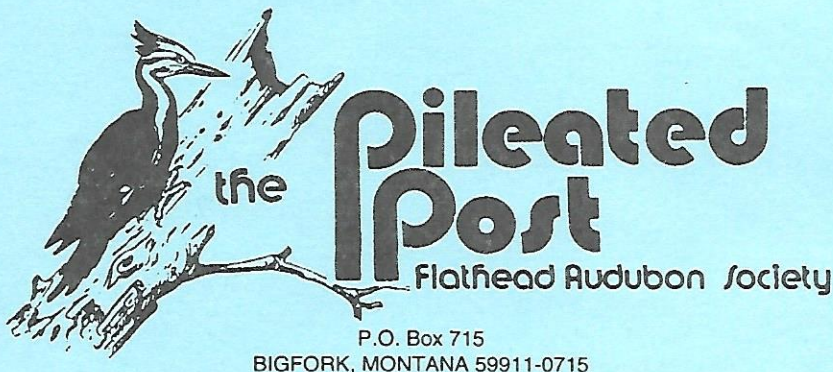
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