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LOONY NIGHTS OF BANDING YIELD SOBERING RESULTS

The Montana Loon Society greatly appreciated the monetary contributions from Flathead and Five Valley Audubon and Montana Audubon, for last summers' banding effort. Banding occurred on Upper Thompson, Bootjack and Lower Stillwater lakes between 11PM and 4AM on July 2 & 3, 1997. Both nights involved two boats, each with a crew of four people. Nightlighting and broadcasting of various types of loon calls were some of the techniques used to capture these elusive birds. Numerous people on shore helped when the birds were brought in for processing. We were not able to catch any birds on Upper Thompson Lake due to foggy conditions. We caught 3 adults and 2 chicks on the other two lakes. Banding also occurred in the Seely area where 3 adults and 3 chicks were banded, two of the adults were recaptures.

The following are some preliminary results from banding efforts around North America where 1470 loons have been banded, approximately 250 were recaptures. These numbers indicate that the loon is more biologically vulnerable than we realized.

1. The mean age of first breeding is 7 yrs.
1. The juveniles leave their natal lake and go to a coastline for 2.5 years (an undetermined location). They return to their natal lake as black and white 3 year old birds. They are poor pioneers and return only to their natal drainage.
2. They disperse up to 35 miles from their natal lake.
3. 30% of the juveniles will survive to return to their natal lakes. NW Montana typically produces about 33 chicks, approximately 11 will return to MT.
4. Adult mortality is 3-5% per year.
5. Mercury levels in Pacific NW loons (Alaska, Washington & Montana) are

essentially normal. Loons in the NE United States and eastern Canada have high enough levels of mercury to cause reproductive failure and death. The deposition of mercury is occurring worldwide, which is why it was important for MT loons to be part of the database.

The management implications of these data are sobering. If loons are kept from breeding successfully year after year or if breeding pairs die, then there are no returning 3 year olds to maintain the presence of this species.

Montana's 200 loons make up the most significant loon population west of the Mississippi, we should not sit on our tail feathers thinking we have nothing to worry about. Of the 65 breeding pairs in MT, only 24-26 raise 1-2 chicks each year. Floating signs and public education has maintained these numbers for 10 years. The Thompson Chain of lakes did not receive this type of management until 1995 and the numbers of loons declined from at least 5 to 2 pairs. The population on this drainage could easily "wink out". As a result, "no wake" regulations have been proposed for Upper Thompson specifically for loons. Hopefully it will be enough to enable you to continue to hear these beautiful birds as you camp in the Thompson Chain.

The loons could use your help. If you are interested in committing yourself to being a "Loon Ranger" on a particular lake or drainage, call Lynn Kelly at 883-5797. You could also join the Montana Loon Society, membership is \$15.00 with all of the proceeds going towards loon management in Montana. In the meantime, go to a loon lake and enjoy the wild calls which still can be heard in our neck of the woods.

By Lynn Kelly



Chickadee Chatter

Here it is nearly May and spring is well under way. My grass needs mowing and the garden, well lets not talk about the garden. This has been a wonderful spring but I think every spring is wonderful. It is so nice to see tiny green leaves and see the flowers poking their noses out of the ground and just as nice is to hear new and yet familiar sounds of osprey and robins and meadowlarks, not to mention the spring songs that the chickadees and finches sing.

Not content to stay home and experience spring. I had to take a short business trip to New Mexico and even though time was short I had to go birdwatching. I had the opportunity to stop at an incredible place in Utah, just north of Salt Lake City. Some of you may be familiar with the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

The Refuge was created by an act of Congress in 1928 and consists of uplands, wetlands, marsh, open water and mudflats on 74,000 acres on a delta of the Bear River. The Refuge is one of the more important oases on the way north and south for migratory birds each spring and fall, tens of thousands of birds stop here during the migration. The list of birds that stay and nest is quite impressive as well. The bird list I picked up contains 221 species of birds that have been recorded on the refuge(not including the accidental species recorded). The Refuge is in the process of recovery, during the 1980's the Great Salt Lake rose above its traditional level causing a great deal of damage to the sensitive wetlands. By 1989, the lake had receded and the slow recovery process was begun, the marsh vegetation is recovering and the birds are returning and if what I saw was any indication the health of the Refuge is well on its way.

It was a beautiful sunny morning as I drove down the gravel road towards the Refuge and it was filled with the sounds of a million birds, of course this may be somewhat of an exaggeration, but everywhere I looked there were birds. Meadowlarks and Red-winged Blackbirds and Yellow-headed Blackbirds and little Marsh Wrens were all singing; add to that the calls of Sea Gulls, Ducks of all kinds and

Canada geese, and the piping talk of the shore birds such as Black necked Stilts and American Avocets and in the background the croaks of a zillion frogs.

The road passes by marshes filled with Pelicans and flocks of Northern Shovelers and Coots. The Pelicans and I played a game, they would be happily walking down the road and I would slowly drive up to them. How close could I get? These huge white birds would fly away when the car came to within 15 feet, amazing! The Sea Gulls were much more tolerant.

Wading in the shallows and patient as saints were Great Blue Herons and Snowy Egrets and once not to far in the distance a White faced Ibis. Hopping along the road in front of the car were Horned Larks and the occasional Brewers Blackbird sat along the fence. As I passed back and forth over the Bear River Barn Swallows and Cliff Swallows soared and ate breakfast on a smorgasbord of bugs.

In two short hours I had seen nearly 30 species of birds from my car window and I couldn't help but have a smile on my face for such a wonderful experience.

I hope all of you have a good summer filled with lots of experiences that will have you smiling well into the fall and winter.

Leslie Kehoe

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 11, 1998

Lone Pine State Park

Visitor's Center

Meet the Board at 5PM

Potluck Supper at 6PM

Bring a potluck dish and your own service.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Please bring a nature-oriented item.

Election of officers and directors will be held during the business meeting.

PROGRAM: "The Environmental Message of Evolution" Jim Rogers will discuss some of the common misunderstandings of evolution and draw some lessons for the environmentalist. Jim teaches biology and geography at Polson High School. He has also been nominated for the Presidency of Flathead Audubon.



Bird Sightings in the Valley - 4/20/98

Spring migration is in full swing, and the valley is rapidly filling with migrants on their way north, and with summer residents who are here to stay. Most of the waterfowl have made it into the valley by now, including Wigeon, Pintails, Northern Shovelers, Green-winged Teal, Buffleheads, Scaup, Canvasbacks, Ring-necked Ducks, and Wood Ducks. Harlequin Ducks were seen on McDonald Creek in Glacier Park on April 16th. The last of the waterfowl, including Blue-winged Teal and Cinnamon Teal, should show up any day now, and will surely be here by the time you read this.

Most shorebirds will start coming through at the beginning of May, though Avocets have already been sighted in the valley. Good places to look for shorebirds include the ponds and wet fields of the lower valley, and also in the area around Pablo Reservoir.

Many neotropical migrants have return to the valley, and nesting activity is under way. Fox Sparrows, Savannah Sparrows, Mountain Bluebirds, Tree Swallows and Spotted Towhees have all been reported back in the last few weeks. A flash of a hummingbird buzzed by my window just this morning, and the earlier warblers, like Yellow-rumped, Orange-crowned, and Yellow should be here by the end of the month. Sandhill Cranes and Ospreys are some other familiar birds that have returned to the valley in the last few weeks. The latest stragglers to our area include Swainson's Thrush, Willow Flycatcher, and Common Nighthawk, which don't usually show up in the valley until the end of May.

If you're looking for a good birding hot spot, this is a great time of year to go to Freezeout Lake. It's a 4 or 5 hour drive from the Flathead Valley, depending on how many stops you make along the way, and is about 10 miles south of Choteau. There are several campgrounds at the lake, but it is generally very windy and at this time of year the weather can be unpredictable. A good alternative is the "Bella Vista" (466-5711) in downtown Choteau, which has great rooms

and reasonable rates. The birding at Freezeout Lake during spring migration is phenomenal. Snow Geese numbers can top 100,000 in late March, and there are significant numbers of swans and all types of waterfowls as well. In early April, the dramatic numbers of waterfowl drop, but the diversity increases. By late April and early May, all types of migrants, including a wide variety of shorebirds, are abundant at the lake. This is a spot worth seeing at any time of the year!

By Susan Hichcox

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A BLIZZARD OF GEESE

An intrepid group from the Flathead Audubon made a trip over to Choteau the last weekend in March to see one of Montana's true bird spectacles, the concentration of spring migrant Snow Geese at the Freezeout Lake Wildlife Management Area. Cold, windy conditions and the arrival of a spring snowstorm limited the "Kodak moments" somewhat, but what a show! We saw well over 100,000 geese on Sunday, including small numbers of Ross' Geese and "Blue Geese", the dark form of the Snow Goose. Our most vivid memories will probably be of the swirling flocks of geese as they landed in barley fields against the black backdrop of the arriving snowstorm. The skies were full as line after line of geese, ducks and swans left the lake to feed; as we stared in awe there were references both to Passenger Pigeons and to the flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz (we're not merely birdbrains, after all.)

Our group included Dan and Susannah Casey, Susan Hitchcox, Gail Sullivan and Pat Bailey. We saw 46 species of birds, including many 10's of thousands of Northern Pintails and American Wigeon, and perhaps 5000 Tundra Swans, in addition to the Snow Geese. The first White Pelicans of the year were also arriving at Freezeout, their individuality a stark contrast to the sheer biomass of the geese. Watch for this trip to become an annual tradition of the chapter!

By Dan Casey





PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Four years ago this month I received the gift of my daughter, Linnaea. One week before she was born, at our annual May potluck, the President's chair of Flathead Audubon was offered to me and I gladly accepted. It too has been a gift, and an honor.

I remember in my first President's Page introducing myself and Linnaea to you and writing of our walks in the woods, the little woods around our house, and how I would hold her in my arms beneath the trees and we'd listen to the lives of flickers and robins and pine squirrels surrounding us. These were some of her first sounds and of course my hope was that they would instill a lifetime of memory, that the songs of nature would become part of her as they've been so much a part of me.

Standing beneath that green canopy with Linnaea in my arms also gave me a fresh perspective on my job with Flathead Audubon. I grew up with a world full of birds. I knew I wanted the same for her. Right then I realized what a tremendous responsibility we as conservationists, as people who care about the earth and other life, have at this time in history. The fate of the Earth, an Earth full of life and nature, most certainly depends on those of us who care.

It doesn't seem possible that four years have slipped away. Now Linnaea is leading our little field trips down our forest paths and telling me about robins, showing me where the squirrels keep their pine cones, noticing mushrooms and moss. I can only wonder at her beauty. Sometimes I think she's everything I really need, if all else were to fail. But she expects a world to be there for her, and that is her right. And our responsibility.

Are we living up to this responsibility? As president of our chapter for these four years my summation is we're just scratching the surface. Obviously, I don't intend that Flathead Audubon is meant to save the world; but simply looking around our mere speck of a valley there is so much to be done, such fundamental changes in the way we live and do business and relate to the earth if we are to save anything at all. Maybe my vision is myopic, but what I see is, if we can't save something here and now, where and what can we?

These four years went by way to fast. Speaking for myself, I expected to accomplish more. The opportunities are ripe and abundant, and, as I so often say, limited only by our imagination, energy and, my personal sparring partner, time. We're all so busy making a living and living a life there's little time to spare for the real work. That is the double-edged sword of our generation.

For this reason I very seriously considered taking another term as President of Flathead Audubon – to complete some of the ideas I have for the chapter and bring to fruition those actions, projects and proposals we've currently underway.

Plus, I love the Job. We are a good group of people with a respected and credible reputation in the community. That's why I say it has been an honor to have served as President, and as spokesman for the group. To this day it amazes me that people very much respect the President's position of Flathead Audubon. That speaks volumes about our chapter, as well as our national organization. I hope I've justified that respect.

But these are my personal, somewhat selfish reasons for staying on. I think what is best for the chapter, as in nature, is renewal and diversity—that which we get with a progression of people working for the group. It's not worth the risk of growing stale or dormant by staying on too long. And too, I finally decided I can do virtually as much to further our cause working as Past President. So can any of us. Our only limitations are, as usual, imagination, energy and time. I'm expecting to have just a bit more of all three next year, without the President's mantle. Hope springs eternal, doesn't it?

Of course, this decision is possible only because someone, again, has come forward to inherit the responsibility. Our "search committee" of Jim Rogers interviewed just about our entire membership before he realized the President's job was meant for Jim Rogers, simply because no one else would do it. Jim still doesn't realize what a wonderful opportunity lies ahead for him as chapter President. I'm glad to pass along and to share this opportunity, and I appreciate Jim's enthusiasm.

Some other sincere thanks are in order. Brent Mitchell was a role model during his tenure as President and continued as such as Past President. I look forward to doing as well in my new position. Sharon Bergman kept our newsletter thriving for eight years – the entire time I served as President. She deserves our deepest gratitude. We wish Leslie Kehoe, our new newsletter editor, as much success. My personal thanks to my mom and dad for their constant interest and support, unfailingly delivered from their home in Minnesota, for both of my jobs. My wife, Gail, is always generous in allowing me the time to do what, at least I think, needs to be done. And Linnaea is my beacon.

Thanks to all of you for your support and frequent kind words. We must be doing something right because these have been the best years of my life.

Leo Keane



**ALL THE WIDE WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL, AND
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GO...THE SPOT WHERE WE CHANCE TO BE
ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE THE BEST...**

JOHN MUIR



GOOD WEATHER FOR DUCKS?

Our two waterfowl field trips, through the wetlands of the "Lower Valley" between Somers and Kalispell, found the usual visitors, a few surprises, and some blustery weather. The trips were led by Dan Casey; 18 people came along on March 22nd, and a dozen on the 5th of April.

Highlights included (the same?) flocks of 8 Snow Geese seen on each trip; many thousands of ducks, especially pintails and wigeons on the 22nd; and good comparisons of Greater and Lesser Scaup. We saw at least 9 male Eurasian Wigeon on the first trip, and 6 on the second, among the 1200 Americans on the Farm Road slough. Spring arrivals included a Turkey Vulture and a few Yellow-headed Blackbirds on the 5th. In addition, we got to enjoy each other's company, the scenery, and several varieties of spring weather in the Flathead! Plan to enjoy more of the same by coming along on some of our other field trips, listed in this issue.

By Dan Casey

Here are the lists from the 2 days:

Species	3/22	4/5		3/22	4/5
Great Blue Heron	x		Ring-billed Gull	x	x
Tundra Swan		x	Herring Gull		x
Snow Goose	x	x	Rock Dove	x	x
Canada Goose	x	x	Belted Kingfisher		x
Mallard	x	x	Downy Woodpecker	x	x
Northern Pintail	x	x	Hairy Woodpecker		x
Northern Shoveler	x	x	Northern Flicker	x	x
Gadwall	x	x	Tree Swallow	x	
American Wigeon	x	x	Black-billed Magpie	x	x
Eurasian Wigeon	x	x	American Crow	x	x
Canvasback	x	x	Common Raven		x
Redhead	x	x	Black-capped Chickadee		x
Ring-necked Duck	x		Marsh Wren	x	x
Greater Scaup	x	x	Mountain Bluebird		x
Lesser Scaup	x	x	American Robin	x	x
Common Goldeneye	x	x	European Starling	x	x
Bufflehead	x	x	Song Sparrow	x	x
Hooded Merganser	x	x	Red-winged Blackbird	x	x
Common Merganser	x	x	Yellow-headed Blackbird		x
Turkey Vulture	x		House Finch	x	x
Bald Eagle	x		Red Crossbill	x	x
Northern Harrier	x	x	Pine Siskin		x
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	Evening Grosbeak		x
Rough-legged Hawk	x	x	House Sparrow	x	x
Ring-necked Pheasant	x	x			
American Coot	x	x			
Killdeer	x	x			
Common Snipe		x			
			TOTAL SPECIES	41	47

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Elections will be during the May business meeting. Here are the nominations for office:

President: Jim Rogers

Vice President: Neal Brown

Treasurer: Bruce Tannehill

Directors: Dick Moore - Whitefish

Linda Winnie - Kila

Pat McLaughlin - Whitefish

Interested in volunteering some time to Flathead Audubon? We are looking for a few good people to take positions as the chairs of Programs, Publicity, Hospitality, and Field Trips. Give Jim Rogers a call if you are interested at 883-3611.





1998 SPRING AND SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL TRIPS. COME AND ENJOY!

Included are trips cosponsored with Montana Native Plant Society (MNPS) and local events of interest to birders.

Standard equipment for ALL trips includes comfortable SHOES, BINOCULARS, SCOPES, FIELD GUIDES, FOUL WEATHER GEAR, and a SACK LUNCH or SNACK. Further requirements for some trips are noted below. When possible, car pooling for trips will be arranged at the meeting site.

Check the AUDUBON BIRD HOTLINE, 756-5595, for updates.

Sunday, May 17 Celebrate of Migratory Bird Day - Warbler Walk

Leaders: Leo Keane, 862-5807 & Neal Brown, 837-5018

A guided half-day birding trip into the Swan Lake Waterfowl Production Area. Find and identify a wide variety of warblers by sight and sound. A great opportunity for novices to learn from local warbler experts and for experienced birders to brush up on their warblers.

Meeting Time and Place: 8:30AM Swan Lake Campground (north of Swan Lake town site)

Saturday, May 23 90th Birthday of the National Bison Range

Hours and Directions: Red Sleep Mountain Drive is open from 7AM to 7PM. Take Hwy 93 south of Ronan to Hwy 212, turn west to the Bison Range.

For more information: Bison Range, Pat Jamieson, 644-2211.

First Week in June 1998 Birdathon/Bird America (annual fundraising event)

Contact: Lisa Bates, 756-0462

Saturday, June 6 Sprunger-Whitney Nature Trail Leader: Anne Morley 886-2242

Swan Lake Area. Sponsored by the Montana Native Plant Society. An easy two mile walk along the new Sprunger-Whitney Nature Trail, near the Point Pleasant Campground south of Swan Lake. Focus will be native plants, but birders are welcome! Note: The trail is on Montana State lands and a State recreational use permit is needed. Permits anywhere fishing licenses are sold: \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors.

Meeting Time and Place: 10AM at the Nature trail site. About 9 miles south of Swan Lake on Hwy 83, turn right at the Point Pleasant Campground sign. At the first switchback is a sign to the nature trail; turn right to the parking area.

Saturday, June 20 Loons of the Thompson Chain Leader: Lynn Kelly, 883-5797

Tour of known and potential loon nesting lakes in the Thompson Chain of Lakes conducted by expert loon researcher. At this time the loons on this area will be off their nests for 3 to 6 weeks. Expect to see loon families with one or two chicks. 5 hours including driving time.

Meeting Time and Place: 9AM at the Kalispell Office of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Saturday, June 21 Father's Day Canoe Trip to Owen Sowerwine

Leaders: Dan and Susannah Casey, 857-3143

Half-day exploration of Flathead Audubon's island park in the Flathead River. Canoe to the Island (easy flat-water paddling), and bush-wack through the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. Features breeding birds and a close-up look at the diversity of endangered cottonwood forests. Bring canoe and one life jacket for each person.

Meeting Time and Place: 7:30AM at the Rosauers parking lot in Kalispell

Sunday, July 12 Squirmy, Scaly Critter Search Leader: Dan Casey, 857-3143

Join biologists from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Forest Service on a search for salamanders, snakes, frogs and other reptiles and amphibians. Bring rubber boots.

Meeting Time and Place: 9AM at the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Saturday, July 18 Montana Loon Day Contact Lynn Kelly at 883-5797

Take part in the annual census of Montana's loons. The aim is to count all resident loons on likely lakes in the state, so lots of volunteers are needed. If you can spend all or part of the day visiting one or more lakes please call Lynn Kelly. She will provide census forms and assign lakes to volunteers, according to their preferences.



**Sunday, July 19 Flathead River Float****Leaders: Dan and Susannah Casey, 857-3143**

Canoe trip from Presentine Bar Fishing Access to Leisure Island in Kalispell. An easy 6 hours on the river (no whitewater) through a variety of riparian habitats. Bring a canoe, life jackets for each person and rain gear.

Meeting Time and Place: 9AM at the K-Mart parking lot in Kalispell.

Early August - dates to be announced Open House at Grounded Eagle Center.

Visit this nationally known rehabilitation center for birds. Grounded Eagle has the largest flight arena in the U.S. View a variety of this region's raptors who are permanent residents of the facility. For more information contact the Centers Director Ken Wolfe at 406-754-2882.

Hours and Directions: The Center will be open 10AM to 5PM. It is located on Hwy 83 in the Swan Valley, at mile marker 37 (corner of Kroft and Hwy 83)

Saturday, August 8 Purple Loosetrife Pull at Ninepipe Refuge Leader: Neal Brown

Help birds and all the aquatic community by reducing competition from the invasive, wetland girdling Purple Loosetrife. We're making progress but we need your help. We'll work until about noon. You should bring gloves, lunch, water and shoes (boots, waders) to get wet. We'll bring a beautiful August morning and dessert for all.

Meeting Time and Place: 9AM at Ninepipes Lodge Neal Brown, 837-5018

Saturday, August 16 Coal Ridge Lookout Hike Leader: Betty Karopat, 862-0877

Sponsored jointly with the MT Native Plant Society. An 8 mile hike through a sub-alpine forest to Coal Ridge Lookout, of moderate difficulty with an elevation climb of 1600 feet. See and discuss old growth forest habitat and sub-alpine wetlands, fire and timber harvest history, Forest Service road management for wildlife security and water quality. Lunch at the old forest fire service lookout with a view of Glacier National Park and the Whitefish range. May see Clark's Nutcracker, Grey Jay, Golden Crown Kinglet and Brown Creepers. Bring a container for huckleberries! Pre-register if possible.

Meeting Time and Place: 8:30AM in the parking lot of the Nite Owl Café, Columbia Falls.

Late August - date to be announced Swan Valley Logging Tour**Leader: Rod Ash, 754-2289**

Tour of Swan Ecosystem forestry and wildlife exhibits and ponderosa pine demonstration site, with discussion of effects of various logging techniques on wildlife, and of light-impact logging methods available to landowners.

Meeting Time And Place: 10:30AM at the Swan Ecosystem Center in Condon

**FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO IX TO BE HELD MAY 9 & 10**

The Expo has been held each year for the past 9 years and is a project of timber companies, natural resource agencies and forest user groups. It will be held at the Trumble Creek Educational Forest which is located 2 miles north of the junction of US 2 and Montana 40 (midway between Whitefish and Columbia Falls). The Forest is located on commercial timber land which is owned by F.H. Stoltz Land and Lumber Company. The public is invited to spend a day in the great outdoors, having fun and learning about our forests.

The Expo will be from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday, May 9 and from noon to 4PM on Sunday, May 10. Logging equipment and backcountry packing demonstrations will be held, there will be mill tours of Plum Creek Timber Company and there will be a forest walk with educational stations. Flathead Audubon will be manning one the educational stations. It should be a fun and educational weekend, bring your family and spend a few hours in the great outdoors. For more information you may call 758-5384.



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The Flathead Audubon Society is affiliated with the National Audubon Society and meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and includes a featured guest who will present a conservation or nature program. The regular monthly meeting is preceded by the Executive Board meeting. Both meetings are open to all those interested.

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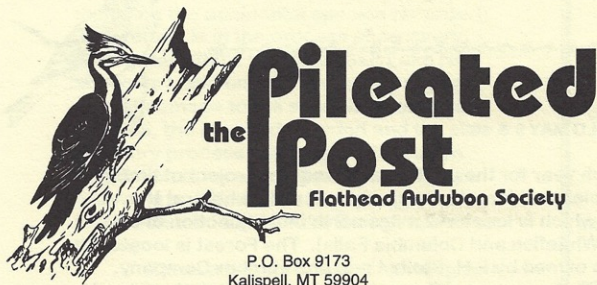
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