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## Local Counts to be Part of 100th Christmas Bird Count!



When the first Audubon Christmas Bird Count was conducted in New York in 1900, the participants probably had no inkling of the tradition they were beginning. This year's counts (both the last and first of the millenium, see below) will mark the 100th year of the count, making it the longest running wide-scale bird survey in the world. That's also 100 years of holiday cheer, camaraderie and wide-eyed wonder at the diversity of birds on our continent.

While the Bigfork count can't claim a one hundred year history, this year's count on Saturday, December 18th will be our 26th annual count. Over that period, we have seen 137 species at least one time on count day, and another 6 species during the count weeks. Most of you probably know we usually host the largest number of species on any Montana count, and also usually find the national high number of Wild Turkeys.

Last year, we did a trial count on a new Kalispell count circle, and this year we want to make it official, with our chapter's first count of the new millenium, Sunday, January 2nd. This will provide an added opportunity for chapter members and others to experience a Christmas count, especially those people who live in the count circle, centered at Reserve and Highway 93. Hopefully we're laying the groundwork for our own centennial count in 2099!

Here are the details on the two local counts:

**Bigfork: Saturday, December 18th.** Last year we saw 78 species, down just a bit from our recent average, partly due to the arrival of bitter cold right before the count. A new count week bird was a Say's Phoebe which eventually over-wintered, a first for Montana. We also set or tied record high counts for 11 other species, including our first Wood Duck in over 20 years. If you're interested in this count, call Dan Casey at 857-3143, or come to the December meeting.

**Kalispell: Sunday, January 2nd.** Our trial run at the Kalispell circle resulted in 61 species, including a surprising Ferruginous Hawk, a Peregrine Falcon, 4 Long-eared Owls and 11 Blue Jays. Although our expected numbers of Bohemian Waxwings didn't materialize, we found more House Finches than any other count in the state. If you want to participate in this count, call Dan Casey at 857-3143, or show up at Finnegan's restaurant at 7 a.m. the morning of the count.

As always, we urge birders of all skill levels to come join in the fun. We will pair less experienced birders with veteran counters, and can't have too many folks, so members, non-members and even visiting relatives are welcome!

DAN CASEY

Note: Please see page 3 for information on additional Christmas Counts in our area.







## CHICKADEE CHATTER

It seems that December has snuck up on us once again and another year has nearly past us by. You have heard enough about the significance on this particular new year by now, it being the dawn of a new millenium and all (which by the way doesn't actually happen until Jan. 1, 2001). I will refrain from any more comment along those lines. This is, in itself, the ending of another perfectly good year and one should at the very least have a thought for this year that has nearly past. December is always a time of reflection for me, a time to remember the events large and small of the quickly passing year. I would like to share with you some of my reflections on 1999.

It started as it has for the past four or five years with a drive up to Glacier National Park. It does not matter how far one can drive into the Park it is always a great pleasure, for me, just to be there. It is a very good way to start the New Year. The air was fresh and clear and crisp and the snow all a-sparkle with little sun diamonds, it makes one forget their cares for a little and live in the moment as they say. It was a day with sun and clouds and lots of Rough-legged Hawks.

The spring came early this year, the first flowers shiny yellow buttercups and crocuses were seen in the middle of March and a day later there were several butterflies and a lady bug. The Osprey returned to their nest near my house on April 7, that is always a good day. I always rush outside and watch them with awe those first few days they are back from so very far away. Watching them from the time they return until their inevitable departure is one of the great joys of my life.

Last spring I spent several days in Utah watching birds and hiking. I spent one day hiking on the mesas and in the canyons of Natural Bridges National Monument. It was the middle of April and a beautiful day, meant for hiking. I had just descended most of the way down into the canyon when a Rufous-sided Towhee popped out of a nearby tree, it scared the living daylights out of the both of us. It flew hastily away and I had a good giggle. The lovely songs of Rock and Canyon Wrens could be heard all over the canyon, echoing around the walls, a serenade of sorts. On the ground in protected spots were Claret Cup Cactus in brilliant spring bloom. High up in a protected nook in the cliff wall a

nest of baby Ravens could be seen, I watched for some time as the parents flew up with the latest snack. There was a lot of coming and going and the nestlings were very loud at the coming. What a sight!

In June I discovered a Mourning dove nest behind my house and watched the pair come and go for a few weeks. And in August I had a mama Turkey and her four baby's wandering in my yard for several weeks. I watched every day as the little ones grew and grew. I even found a turkey feather or two to remind me of them. I watched so many beautiful sunsets last summer and had moments here and there to watch the dragonflies flitting from place to place. The de-listing of the American Bald Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon from the Endangered Species List had me delighted and worried. And on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November my sister and I hiked up to the top of Jewel Basin. It was a day I will remember for a long time. The elusive smell of the high country, the peace and quiet, the occasional chickadee song and dance in the trees all made the day memorable.

Memorable days and beautiful sunsets are my wish for you in the coming year. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Leslie Kehoe



### DECEMBER MEETING

Monday, December 13, 1999  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks Building  
490 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell  
Meeting starts at 7:30PM

**PROGRAM:** Early Winter Birds of the Flathead  
A slide show by Dan Casey. Dan will survey many of the birds we can expect to see in area Christmas Bird Counts this year, and provide tips on identification. He will also talk about what we have learned from the Christmas Count data, report on trends from previous years, and go out on a limb with predictions for what we will see this year. Dan has been the compiler for the Bigfork Count since 1987. For the last five years he has also been the regional compiler for all the Montana and Idaho Counts. Anyone wishing to participate in either the Bigfork or Kalispell Counts should plan on attending this informative and entertaining talk.





## MISSION MOUNTAIN AUDUBON

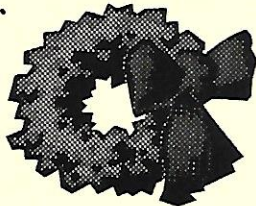
"The Winter Ecology of the Rough-legged Hawks in the Mission Valley," a slide presentation by Chad Olson, will be the December meeting of the Mission Mountain Audubon Society. Olson will talk about the roosting dynamics and foraging habits of the rough-legged hawks that winter in the valley. The program will begin at 7:30 PM, at the Polson City Library's Meeting Room on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. The Christmas Bird count for the Mission Valley will also be discussed. It will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> this year and will be led by Jim Rogers. If you would like to participate in the Ninepipe count please call Jim at 883-3611.

## MORE BIRD COUNTING

The Dancing Prairie Bird Club in Eureka will hold its annual Christmas Bird count on January 1, 2000. What a way to spend the first day of the new millenium! Please call Lewis Young at 889-3492 at home or 296-2536 at work for all the details.

The Swan Valley count is tentatively scheduled for December 30<sup>th</sup>, please call Rod Ash for all the details at 754-2289.

The Glacier Park Christmas count date has yet to be announced. But if you would like to count birds there you can call Steve Gniadek at 888-7833 for more information.



## RECENT FAS BOARD ACTIVITIES

The cost of Flathead Audubon's lease on the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area has been in limbo for almost a year. DNRC has now agreed to send a representative to Kalispell to begin negotiations on that cost. A sub-committee of the Board is scheduled to meet with that representative in mid-December. Janet Ellis, Executive Director of

Montana Audubon, will also attend the meeting to assist Flathead Audubon in these negotiations.

Representatives of the Board met with neighbors of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area the evening of October 21. The group talked about the restrictions that limit use of the Area and why FAS thinks it is important to maintain Owen Sowerwine in its natural state. Gael Bissell and Dan Casey from MFWP were there to help answer questions. The neighbors had some interesting stories to tell about the history of Owen Sowerwine, and expressed support for preserving its natural values.

Sonja Hartman, Chair of the Education Committee, is completing an application for a grant to develop Flathead Audubon classroom mentor and community outreach program. The Committee is looking for ways to provide Flathead educators with information on pre-existing nature education programs. The Committee is making connections with the CORE group and COSEEC to ensure that we coordinate with their efforts.

Flathead Audubon has agreed to be a partner in a Tri-State Education Grant being submitted by Montana Loon Society, the Panhandle Loon and Wetlands Project of Idaho, and the Loon Lake Loon Association of Washington. The grant would provide a loon trunk for each of the states involved. The trunk could be used for presentations to school classes and community groups, and would be available for use by teachers throughout the three states.

Leslie Kehoe will spearhead Flathead Audubon's participation in National Audubon's Refuge Keepers Program. This Program should enable Flathead Audubon to be even more effective in its work with the Swan River and the Ninepipe Refuges.

The Budget Committee will meet in early December to start work on next year's budget, and also to take first steps toward developing some new fund raising projects for Flathead Audubon. One new project currently under consideration is to construct and sell hanging platform-style bird feeders. The Committee consists of Neal Brown, Leo Keane, Leslie Kehoe, Robin Maggadino, Bruce Tannehill and Linda Winnie. Anyone who can help with ideas or useful experience on fund raising projects should contact one of these members. (Continued on page 5)





## FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAIR



Your Audubon leadership is made up of passionate people with differing knowledge and perspectives, but with a common goal: to do the best they can to sustain wildlife populations, healthy environments, and to support an ongoing educational program for the chapter members and community. (see: mission statement for F.A.S.)

Bruce Vincent, a logging activist from Libby once said, "The world is run by those who show up." Those who show up to vote; who show up at city council and Forest Service meetings; who show up to protest or support an action; who show up at Audubon board meetings, etc. These people who show up – make a difference. We all loose when the vocal and ignorant show up and the knowledgeable stay home. For better or worse, I show up consistently for the things I believe in...and Audubon is one of those.

I joined Audubon around 1980 and my personal goal was to insure that decisions and policies Audubon supported were based on sound science, not "emotional, warm fuzzy feelings". I try to see other's point of view. My Audubon involvement stems from strong thoughts on some things: populations often need to be "managed" or they can nearly eliminate themselves or others; we must look at the "big picture" more often: human over population, habitat losses ecosystem wide, artificial / unnatural populations of species and the overall environmental constraints of this planet; fire is beneficial to wildlife; technology is not the answer to every human frailty; and the U.S. Constitution is worth protecting.

Perhaps my "radical" ideas and involvement in Flathead Valley issues are a result of my history. My mother was born in Ft. Benton, Mt., but moved to So. Calif. in time to have me in 1944. I choked on smog as a kid walking to school in the 50's & 60's. In '64, I moved to No. Calif. to complete college at Humboldt State (BS, '67, Wildlife mgmt). I worked seasonally for the USFS through college, but my first job after graduation was with BLM as a Range Tech in Las Vegas, NV.; after a short time I went to work for Nevada Fish & Game. The Dept steadily pushed me into more law enforcement duties and I decided to jump into it full time—I became a police officer in Las Vegas. Over time, I also worked law enforcement in Arizona and Montana. This history is why bullies and hostile crowds don't bother me; it's also why I have little tolerance for felons or others who knowingly violate the law (renegade OHV users??). I teach firearms safety and personal protection classes as a NRA certified firearms instructor. I fish...for food. I hunt...for food. I trap...if populations of skunks, packrats, feral house cats or mice need to be controlled around my home. I have taken forestry courses at FVCC and through the Mt. Forest Stewardship program (MSU); our property is under a conservation easement with the Montana Land Reliance and is actively managed for wildlife and forest products. I found my soul mate, Kay, and married her 22 yrs ago. I've raised 2 boys, 7 goats, a bunch of chickens, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl and several very special Labrador Retrievers.

If you need my help, be practical, get the facts straight and be honest. I'm a member of two professional societies: The Wildlife Society (34yrs) and the Society of American Foresters (5yrs). As an independent Wildlife Biologist, I regularly question and give input to both federal & state agencies. I am passionate about conservation and the Audubon cause.

\*\*F.A.S. positions: hospitality, programs, board member, vice president, president, and currently, conservation chair.

BY BRENT MITCHELL



"There is just one hope in repulsing the tyrannical ambition of civilization to conquer every inch on the whole earth. That hope is the organization of spirited people who will fight for the freedom and preservation of wilderness..."

BOB MARSHALL

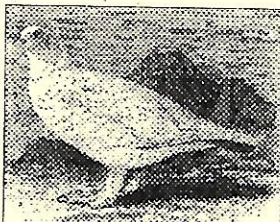




## RECENT BOARD HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Neal Brown and Brent Mitchell are developing a program exchange with the Montana Logging Society. Each year Flathead Audubon will choose and arrange a program for one of the MLS meetings, and the MLS will do the same for one of our meetings. It is hoped that the program exchange will begin this spring.

Flathead Audubon will join with the new Mission Mountain Audubon Chapter to sponsor a Bird Festival this spring. It will be June 2-4 at the Kwatuknuk in Polson. The Festival will feature birding field trips and presentations, social times and a banquet, and games and contests. The annual meeting of Montana Audubon will be held in conjunction with the festival. Additional supporters for the Festival will be Montana Audubon, the Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Region 1 Office of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Jim Rogers is Chair of the Festival Committee. Members are Dan Casey, Ferne Cohen, Sonja Hartman, Bruce Tannehill – and anyone else who wants to volunteer.  
Compiled by LINDA WINNIE



## Planning for Wildlife and the Millennium

Madison County is very forward thinking in their Comprehensive Plan adopted February 1999. Today, in a world of sprawl and growing population, it's grand to see that wildlife and habitat get a voice in a county plan. A few of the current growth-related concerns in Madison County include: future viability of agriculture in the face of continued population growth based on the County's beauty, rural character, and recreational resources; fish and wildlife conservation; and loss of open space and aesthetic value.

The vision statement for Madison County is exemplary (abbreviated):

In the year 2009, we hope Madison County is still a place we are proud to call home. Still...rich in water, scenic beauty, wildlife, historic, and recreational resources. Still rural in character and agriculturally productive. Still rooted in the tradition of being good stewards of the land. In the year 2009, ...we hope our river bottoms, hayfields, rangelands, and foothills have not become cluttered by scattered residential development. We hope noxious weeds have lost their foothold on our landscape. We hope families of modest income levels can afford to live here. We hope local public services have adequate funds to support our increased population. We hope the art of being a good neighbor is widely practiced by both newcomers and old-timers. We hope we have become even better stewards of the land.

The threads of this vision permeate the entire plan. The Five Guiding Principles of the plan are: 1) Locate new development close to existing services and communities; 2) Protect our river corridors; 3) Preserve our most productive agricultural lands; 4) New development should pay its own way; and 5) Respect private property rights.

In the spring of 1999, Madison County passed its first zoning regulation. Zoning for 23 tracts of BLM land up for sale allows traditional uses of the land to continue (e.g. agriculture), prohibiting most other uses, specifically non-farm residential and resort development. Also, as of this writing, the county is revising their Subdivision Regulations, adding more regulatory teeth into the original regulations. In Beaverhead County, among many other areas in our vast state, sprawl is creeping countywide and becoming evident in Dillon. All of Montana's growing rural counties can avoid the problems of the state's bigger cities with far-sighted land-use plans like the Madison County Comprehensive Plan.

Written and compiled from the Madison County Comprehensive Plan by Madison County resident and Pintler Audubon President Debra Doerflinger. Debra is active with the Madison County Planning Board and is also a Population and Habitat committee member.





## PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Developing a global understanding of changing bird populations requires counting birds across large geographic areas over long spans of time. Project FeederWatch contributes to this effort by conducting yearly winter surveys of feeder birds throughout the United States and Canada. Participants make simple, standardized counts of the birds in their own backyards or nearby feeder areas, and report them to the FeederWatch database.

Project FeederWatch is a cooperative research project of the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Bird Studies Canada, the Canadian Nature Federation. The FeederWatch database is managed by the Cornell Lab. It has been gathering feeder bird data since 1987.

The Project FeederWatch 1999-2000 season is starting now. It is not too late to join! It simply requires watching and counting the birds at your feeder on a schedule that you set, and sending your results to the Cornell Lab by mail or internet. For more information write the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 24850 or call 1-800-843-BIRD or check the FeederWatch website:

<http://birdsource.org/pfw> Contributed by Linda Winnie

## ACQUIRE A NEW HABIT FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM

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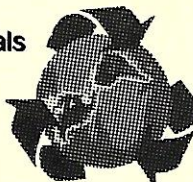
- use cold water for your laundry wash cycle
- always use cold water for the rinse cycle
- buy organic staples: coffee, rice, grains and vegetables
- switch to post-consumer recycled toilet paper

### AT WORK:

- reuse envelopes and computer discs
- make notepads from leftover scrap paper
- print both sides of paper, recycled paper, of course
- post documents rather than making copies for all employees

### AT PLAY:

- buy used or responsible manufactured sporting gear and clothing
- recycle your books and periodicals
- use the local library
- volunteer to tutor children



HAVE FUN WHILE MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. DON'T FORGET PRECYCLE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND BUY IN BULK.  
FROM FERNE COHEN



## AUDUBON'S EVAN HIRSCHER NAMED "REFUGE HERO" BY US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. October 1, 1999 - Audubon's Wildlife Refuge Campaign Director, Evan Hirscher, has been named a "Refuge Hero" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for his exceptional efforts on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Hirscher's contributions "exemplify the American Spirit and the interest in Fish and Wildlife Resources," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Clark, who presented the award Thursday at a Capitol Hill ceremony. Hirscher leads a campaign to build public awareness of more than 500 national wildlife refuges that encompass 92 million acres in every state and U.S. territory.

"Audubon's long-standing support for wildlife refuges has culminated in a comprehensive initiative that includes education, advocacy and community outreach", stated Hirscher. "We've been heartened by the positive response we've received across the country, but the importance of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the conservation of species is still under-appreciated and under-funded," Hirscher added.

A cornerstone of the campaign is the Audubon Refuge Keepers (ARK) program That establishes local support groups for refuges. There are now more than 75 ARK groups across the country. The campaign has also partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to build the Earth Stewards outdoor education program. Earth Stewards helps lead numerous policy initiatives and has successfully increased funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Founded in 1905 and with over a million members and supporters in 520 chapters throughout the Americas, the National Audubon Society conserves and restores natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY PRESS RELEASE







## HELP!

You have heard about being between a **Rock** and a **Hard Place**. That's where Flathead Audubon is today. Over many years the members have worked hard to fund our programs and accumulate funds for conservation projects such as the leasing of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. This year, for the first time, we have had to dip into savings to maintain our program. \$1000 has been taken from savings to pay for this year's expenses. The trend is ominous. If you looked at the Finances published in the newsletter last month, you saw that most of our income comes from dues and birdseed sales. We know that the dues income will decrease for next year due to the splitting off of part of our membership to form the new Audubon chapter at Polson. With the local competition, the selling of birdseed has gotten more and more difficult. The **Rock** we face is the difficulty in finding new sources of income. We need people that have new fund raising ideas. I hope someone out there will hear our cry for Help!

If we think the **Rock** is insurmountable, we will be forced to face the **Hard Place**. If we can find no new income, we will have to cut programs. Back to last month's page on finances. You will notice that we spend about one third of our money to buy birdseed, one third we donate, and one third goes to putting out the newsletter and running the society. Cutting the birdseed expense means either getting cheaper seed or selling less. We could drop insurance or the lease fee to Owen Sowerwine or (most unthinkable of all) the newsletter. We could cut our donations. But it is unthinkable to drop Audubon Adventure education materials used by about 40 classrooms in the Flathead or the research grants like the ones we have given to Chad Olsen to work on the Rough-legged Hawks or the scholarships that went to two students from Big Brothers - Big Sisters so that they could go to Glacier Institute classes or the money that we give to Montana Audubon so that they can make our ideas heard in Helena.

So if the **Hard Place** is unthinkable, we must surmount the **Rock**. We must find more income. The Birdathon has been a source of contributions to the Flathead Audubon, but most non-profit organizations do much more. A few Audubon members who are willing to make contributions to maintain Audubon Adventures, scholarships, grants or even the lease fee on Owen Sowerwine could fill a big hole. We have a couple of donors that have pledged to match your contributions up to a total of \$200. You give \$25

and the donors will match it so Flathead Audubon will get \$50! If you wish, you may designate specifically what program the money will go to. Remember the contribution is tax deductible.

In the next couple of years Flathead Audubon must make some hard choices. We must either increase income by doing what we all find so difficult or we must cut into our programs. **We need your help!**

BY BRUCE TANNEHILL, FAS TREASURER



## HELP FLATHEAD AUDUBON FUND EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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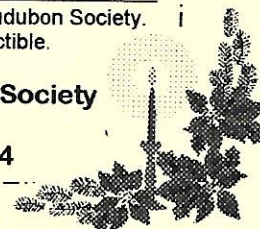
- ☐ **Scholarships**  
\$25 from 4 people helps a local high school student attend a Glacier Institute summer class.
- ☐ **Audubon Adventures**  
\$35 provides this monthly nature magazine to one 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in the Flathead for a year.
- ☐ **Book Purchase Award**  
\$50 from 8 people will fund this annual award to a local school library for purchase of nature books.
- ☐ **Research Grants**  
\$100 from 10 people pays for a typical grant to support research on birds or bird habitat in NW Montana.

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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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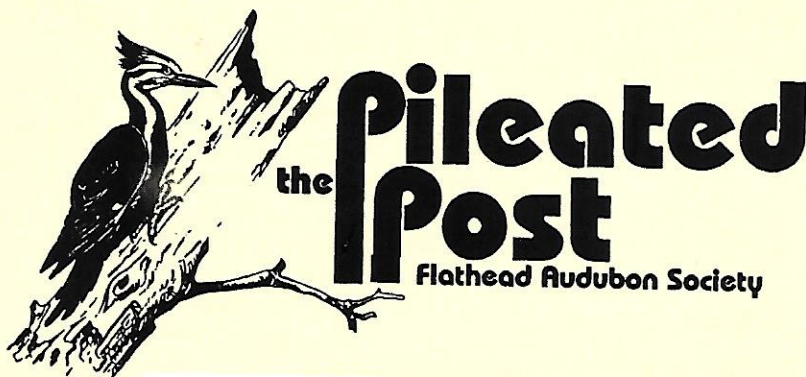
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