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AUDUBON URGES YOU TO ADOPT-A-PUFFIN FOR A FRIEND

New York, NY October 1, 2000- Maine's puffin population has returned to the icy seas for winter, yet some birds still have a proverbial home on land-that is, through National Audubon Society's Adopt-a-Puffin Project, <http://puffin.bird.audubon.org>. Puffin adoption not only ensures the survival and restoration efforts of these birds but also makes a great holiday gift. Over 2,500 puffins have been "taken under-wing" by concerned citizens throughout the U.S. and in Great Britain.

With puffin adoption, you will receive a certificate of adoption and a color photograph of YOUR puffin (that's right, puffin parents will actually receive information on the individual bird that they support through the program). Adoption comes with a biography of your puffin including its vital statistics (researchers have gathered personal information about each individual puffin), and an update of your Puffin's activities for the year (researchers keep track of each individual puffin's behavior, nesting, and other activities). Since 1983, Audubon's puffin adoption has made great gifts. Recently, a Connecticut couple listed puffin adoption on their bridal registry and are now the proud "parents" of eight! Visit their cyber registry page at <http://home.att.net/~lagu/>. Adoption helps ensure the survival of puffins and other seabird colonies that have endured many risks. The original puffin population at Egg Rock Island was decimated in the late 1880's by excessive hunting for food and feathers. To this day, puffins remain vulnerable to environmental disasters such as oil spills, or invasive predators such as rats or mink.

In order to restore Maine's puffin population and keep the species alive, 954 young puffins to Eastern Egg Rock Island from 1973 to 1986. Transplanted puffins began returning to Eastern Egg Rock in June of 1977. To lure them ashore and encourage the birds to explore their

home, wooden puffin decoys were positioned atop large boulders. These were readily visited by the curious young birds, which often sat with the models and pecked at their stiff wooden beaks. After many years of restoration efforts, the number of young puffins slowly increased and by the end of this summer, a total of 35 nesting pairs were counted on the island. Contributions received for Adopt-a-Puffin help to protect Maine puffins and other seabirds.

The puffin adoption donation is a tax-deductible gift of \$100. Donations can be made at <http://puffin.bird.audubon.org/adoptapuffin.html> or by calling 607/257-7308. All contributors receive the annual Egg Rock Update newsletter.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

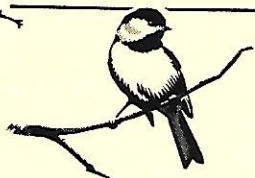
February 6, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 6:00PM at the Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1515 Trumble Creek Rd. The public and Audubon members are always welcome to attend.

February 12, 2001 The Flathead Audubon Society General Meeting will be held at 7:30PM at the Flathead County Fairgrounds in the Saddle Building. The program "Snow as Shelter" features Dave Streeter wilderness educator. Dave's presentation will illustrate how winter wildlife survives by using snow as shelter. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THIS MEETING)

FIELD TRIPS

February 17th, 2001. Join Jim and Sue Swab for a peaceful hike along the Middle Fork River in Glacier National Park.

February 24th, 2001. Come look for animal tracks in snow with state wildlife biologist Jay Shepherd. **SEE INSIDE FOR FURTHER DETAILS →**



CHICKADEE CHATTER

It was a beautiful day some time in the middle of January, the sun had decided to show its' lovely golden face and the sky was full of wispy translucent clouds. I had to walk outside and enjoy the morning and I turned my face up towards the sky to better feel the warmth of those golden rays and what do my wondering eyes see? Two magnificent Bald Eagles chasing one another in a giant circle in the sky above me. It was thrilling to watch them fly, the great wings moving silently, their distinctive call drifted down from on high and I stood there speechless and awestruck. Eagles have always had that effect on me.

It has been a wonderful winter for eagles, there have been three and sometimes more in my very backyard for the past month or so, since the water in the river opened up again. They come to watch ducks. Now, I find watching ducks fascinating as well but these fellows have something else entirely in mind I think.

There are two adults and one immature Bald Eagle coming to visit. They land in the giant fir tree in front of my house, the tree that the steamboats used to tie up to when they stopped here at the old town of Holt on their way up and down the River nearly 100 years ago. This is the first time in many, many years that I remember eagles frequenting my backyard. They are birds that I have always seen from afar with only the occasional sighting up close and personal.

The two adults have taken to chasing one another through my yard not twenty feet above me. Being a mortal and tragically rooted to the ground, I could only stand there and watch. I could not have moved even if I had wanted to. One could hear the wind through their wings as they flew and called to one another. They were so near you could almost feel the air move as the graceful wings beat up and down. They were so close you could see their beautiful feathers and the sharp curve of yellow beaks. It was something I had never even dreamed I would see.

Later that week the three eagles, the pair of resident magpies and the two resident ravens found a duck that duck hunters had wounded that morning. The duck had died close to the shore and as I watched over the next hour or so four more eagles and three more magpies came to join the others with the feast of the duck. It was quite a sight all of these large dark birds perched at the edge of river in the snow trying to steal from one another bits and pieces of what turned out to be to small of a duck.

The majestic Bald Eagle, the proud symbol of our United States it turns out is often a scavenger. While it is also a powerful predator (they are after all known as fish eagles) we generally see these large raptors feeding on carrion here in the winter. The Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, is found only in North America. Its usual habitat is near water but it can be also seen in the grasslands and in dry open country. The adults are easily identifiable and we have all been able to recognize them since we were quite small. It is the immature birds that give us all kinds of ID problems. It takes nearly 5 years for a Bald Eagle to attain adulthood and the white head and tail that are so familiar. Adult female eagles can weigh nearly 14 pounds with a wingspan up to 8 feet, the male adult eagle is a bit smaller weighing in at 7 to 10 pounds and with a wingspan of up to 6 ½ feet. Bald Eagles will mate for life and can live for 30 years.

The most amazing thing about these magnificent birds is their resiliency. The Bald Eagle was listed as endangered in the lower 48 states in March of 1967. Their numbers had declined so greatly that it was rare to see them soaring in the skies above our heads. These birds have returned to the skies but it has taken over 30 years and millions of dollars. The news in Montana is good, in 1978 only 12 pairs of breeding Bald Eagles were found but by 1995 there were 166 pairs.

The Bald Eagle is a rare thing, a bird that has actually overcome the title of Endangered. They were re-listed as Threatened in 1995 and in July of last year President Clinton proposed that the Bald Eagle be taken off of the list entirely. (This has not occurred yet, they are still listed as Threatened.) They have recovered and we have learned many valuable lessons all along that road to recovery. However, we have a lot more lessons to learn if we are to spare other species from extinction. Let's just hope we are not to slow to learn. If you have a chance go out this weekend and see if you can't find some eagles to watch. They are truly special creatures and worthy of awe and respect.

Leslie Kehoe



NOTES OF INTEREST

★ Don't forget the 4th annual Great Backyard Bird Count from February 16th to 19th, 2001. Count the birds at your feeders and in your area. For more information log on to www.birdsource.org

★ Going birdwatching? Don't forget to call the Flathead Audubon Society Birding Hotline: 756-5595 to get the latest scoop on all the birds. Or if you have seen an interesting bird let others know.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: SNOW AS SHELTER WILL BE THE PROGRAM

The February meeting of the Flathead Audubon Society will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds this month. It will be held at the Saddle Club which is the building just south of the grand stand. It sits between the grand stand and the metal agriculture quonset building. This is the building that has been home to the quilt displays for many years.

Outdoorsman, backcountry skier and highly entertaining educator Dave Streeter will look into the winter world of ptarmigan, snowshoe hare, ermine and other adaptable creatures that thrive in Montana's snowy season. Dave's presentation will illustrate how winter wildlife survives by using snow as shelter.

Then the fun begins. Using photographs and models, Dave will take us on a guided tour of survival and recreational snow shelters that any of us might employ for a night, or a week, in the wilderness. Dave takes his cue for winter survival by imitating what the animals have learned about staying cozy in their frosty winter world.

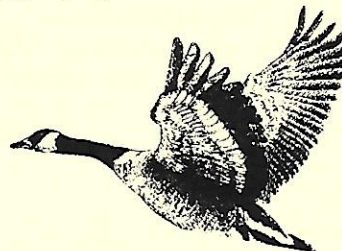
Glacier Park has been Dave Streeter's winter workshop for many years. As a guide and instructor he opens the eyes of his students to the unique beauty of winter in the high country, while teaching them not only how to survive but to feel safe and comfortable in this sometimes forbidding landscape.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, February 17th. Join Jim and Sue Swab for a peaceful hike along the Middle Fork River in Glacier National Park. This is a winter birding trip that begins near the Quarter Circle bridge and heads towards the 1913 Flathead Ranger Station (the group will decide the trip duration). The route follows an un-maintained road that is mostly level but includes some small hills. Bring snow shoes or cross-country skis, a lunch and water, and meet at the West Glacier Post Office at 9:00 AM. For more information, call Jim or Sue at 387-4299 or email at suejim@bigsky.net.

Saturday, February 24th. Come look for animal tracks in snow with state wildlife biologist Jay Shepherd. This is a late winter tracking/birding trip

that begins near Appar Village on Lake McDonald and heads towards the Fish Creek campground. Depending on the group and snow conditions, birding on the lake or lower McDonald Creek, and the surrounding forests may be the main activity chosen by the group. Bring snowshoes or cross-country skis, a lunch and water, and meet at the West Glacier Post Office at 9:00 AM. For more information, call Jay at 862-8373 or email at jsandkg@bigsky.net.



2001 MONTANA LEGISLATURE IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are interested or concerned about the 2001 Montana Legislature, below is some important contact information to help you contact state Representatives and Senators.

Website (for committee hearing schedules, copies of legislation, etc.): www.leg.state.mt.us

To call and leave a phone message for your legislators: (406) 444-4800

To e-mail your legislators: Some legislators' e-mail addresses are provided through the legislature web site. (Found under Senator and Representative Information)

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From Montana Audubon



FROM THE PRESIDENT



"January observations can be almost as simple and peaceful as snow, and almost as continuous as cold. There is time not only to see who has done what, but to speculate why." - Aldo Leopold

As a child of six, growing up on a farm in eastern Colorado, one of my summer jobs was to move our cattle to a neighboring pasture. This pasture did not have a year round water supply. In late summer, on my mare Dolly, I would herd the cattle to this pasture of buffalo grass and sage brush, cottonwood trees and coyotes, rattle snakes and black-tailed jack rabbits and indian artifacts. I would wait for mid day then herd the cattle home to the stock tank then take them back to pasture till evening. These were ideal times until I started being over whelmed with my time alone with nature. I told my parents that I was talking with God. My Dad thought I was just becoming aware of the world around me. My Mom said I was having a heat stroke and I probably was, she also thought I should go to divinity school. I didn't. Although, I have been known to do a bit of preaching. The following is my sermon for this month.

Recently I have been filling the hollow left by the rituals and traditional activities of the holiday season contemplating the roll conservation and environmental concerns play in our spiritual lives. Who hasn't been overwhelmed by the majesty of a sunrise or the simple beauty of a dragonfly, the mystery of metamorphosis and the wonder of birds in flight. We also react with alarm at a primal level when mine waste pollutes our mountain streams or when auto exhaust poisons our air. Initially we have an emotional response from the gut or heart. It is later, as intellectual humans, we employ our reason. But first, we intuitively realize the "spiritual" element.

Eight years ago I was honored to here David Brower, the always forward thinking environmental activist, speak at a conference at Boulder, Montana. In his speech Mr. Brower asked the question, "Where are the people of faith in the environmental movement?" It was considered a legitimate question at the time. Times change. There is a rapidly growing realization within our established religions that environmental and conservation concerns are their concerns also. Most faiths are actively campaigning for a change in industrial design and the elimination of nonsustainable agricultural and forestry practices. It is recognized that our spiritual needs cannot be met while our basic worldly needs of clean water, clean air and wholesome foods are unattainable for vast numbers of people around this globe. The following is a list of faith based organizations, educational institutions, recommended readings and references that center on spirit, environment and a healthful planet. Many Divinity Schools such as Harvard and Hope College now address ecological questions, search their web sites. The following references are from a stack of reading that has built on the corner of my desk. I apologize to the faiths of the world not included below, given enough time and desk space and disk space I will get to you also.

- **MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES-** 180-24th St. W. Billings Mt. 59012
Membership includes-- American Baptist Churches of the Northwest, Christian Church(Disciples of Christ) of Montana, Episcopal Church,Diocese of Montana, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Montana Synod), Presbyterian Church (USA), Glacier Presbytery, Yellowstone Presbytery, Roman Catholic Church-Diocese of Great Falls/Billings Diocese of Helena, United Church of Christ-Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference, United Methodist Church-Yellowstone Conference. MAC has a position paper titled Caring In Creation. If you are a member of one of the faiths listed above, ask about this position paper at your place of worship.
- **THE COLUMBIA RIVER PROJECT-** www.columbiariver.org
It doesn't matter what faith you are this is a must read. The Columbia River is the focus of an extensive pastoral letter project launched by the seven Catholic bishops of the Northwest and Canada, that will culminate in a pastoral letter to be issued by the bishops in February 2001.
- **TARGET EARTH-**www.targetearth.org
Up front Bible thumping evangelical envoirs spiriting stewardship principles for God's creation. Peter Illyn is the Target Earth Northwest Associate Director. It is Peter who coined the phrase "Extinction isn't Stewardship".
- **NORTHWEST EARTH INSTITUTE-** www.nwei.org
Discussion Courses covering, Voluntary Simplicity - Deep Ecology & Related Topics - Discovering a Sense of Place - Choices for Sustainable Living
- **EARTHLIGHT-** www.earthlight.org
Earthlight's focus is on spiritual ecology. Non traditional, eclectic and very well written.

By Neal Brown, President, Flathead Audubon Society

Post Script: David Brower passed away in the year 2000. Rest In Peace David.



Montana Audubon Hires New Executive Director

Ray Johnson recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Montana Audubon. He will officially come on board in February. Ray comes to us from The Nature Conservancy in Texas, where he served as the East Texas Program Manager for the past 6 1/2 years. He brings a unique blend of experience to his new position, having worked in the private sector for IBM for 30 years, later returning to school to get his master's in wildlife biology. Ray was the founding director of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory in Texas, and continues to serve on its board of directors. He and his wife, Barbara, have a second home in Montana, and know the state's conservation issues well. Barbara is originally from Augusta. She worked for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks for 19 years.

As Ray assumes the role of Executive Director, Janet Ellis will take on the full-time position of Program Director for Montana Audubon. Janet is anxious to focus her time on important policy issues in Montana, including working as Audubon's lobbyist at the 2001 Montana Legislature.

From Montana Audubon



SCIENCE REPORT MAY SPARE NORTH FORK OLD GROWTH (OR: STATE TO ESTABLISH OLD-GROWTH FOREST RESERVES)

An independent scientific panel has issued a series of recommendations to state foresters that could spare a towering old-growth forest in the North Fork from the chainsaw.

The science team led by University of Montana wildlife biology professor Jack Ward Thomas and forestry professor Robert Pfister endorsed four of the five primary recommendations prepared by the Montana Old Growth Project (MOGP), a citizen group advocating protection of the state's old-growth forests.

The scientific review of the state's biodiversity standards was requested by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in an attempt to resolve an ongoing dispute about state old-growth policies. Awaiting resolution of the controversy is DNRC's proposal to log 500 acres in one of the largest remaining old-growth forests in the Whitefish Range. In June, the Montana State Land Board postponed logging in Unit 5 of the Cyclone/Coal Timber Sale, pending completion of the scientific review.

The four scientists – three professors from UM and one from the University of Wyoming – were asked to review two management options developed by

DNRC as well as one developed by MOGP. The MOGP option was prepared by wildlife biologist Jane Adams and fire ecologist Steve Barrett of Kalispell and environmental consultant Steve Thompson of Whitefish. The fourth MOGP founder, logger Malcolm Thompson of Columbia Falls, has been a passionate defender of the "unit 5" old growth in the Coal Creek State Forest.

MOGP formed one year ago in response to concerns about excessive and inappropriate logging of old-growth forests, which the group believed was in violation of the 1996 State Forest Land Management Plan. The 1996 plan committed to "maintain or restore old-growth forest in amounts of at least half the average proportion that would be expected to occur with natural processes on similar sites."

MOGP's dispute with DNRC revolved around the basic definition of old growth, types of acceptable logging in old-growth forests, procedures for designing old-growth retention networks, and interim measures while the networks are completed.

On November 2 the Scientific Review Team issued their findings and recommendations:

- 1) The Team agreed with MOGP's proposed definition of old growth, which varies by forest habitat type. The definition is used by the US forest Service and other agencies.
- 2) The Team agreed with MOGP's recommendation that DNRC immediately begin to develop its old-growth retention networks based on clear principles of landscape ecology.
- 3) The Team agreed with MOGP that DNRC should defer any logging of old growth until the old-growth retention networks are mapped on the ground and reviewed through a public participation process.
- 4) The Team agreed with MOGP's recommendation that no logging occur within old-growth retention networks except for restoration cutting in Ponderosa pine forest types.
- 5) Unfortunately, the Team did not accept Option 3's determination of historic old-growth amounts. The Team suggested the Land Board select a minimum retention amount in western Montana between 44,000 and 82,000 acres. The high end of this range is close but still lower than MOGP's recommendation.

At the December 18 Land Board meeting in Helena, DNRC Director Bud Clinch presented the Scientific Review Team's recommendations to the Land Board with a pledge to revise the state's old-growth policies based on the scientists' recommendations. DNRC plans to bring the revised policy to the five new members of the 2001 Land Board (the five statewide elected officials who are the constitutional trustees of state lands) at their February 20 meeting. Central to that plan must be a public process to design old-growth retention networks that best conserves biodiversity. MOGP believes that the scientists' recommendations will result in Unit 5 being included in a future old-growth retention network.

The Montana Old Growth Project will continue working with Flathead Audubon to encourage informed public involvement in decisions affecting Montana's old-growth forests.

By Steve Thompson



BIGFORK CHRISTMAS COUNT

16 December 2000

Contact: Dan Casey (857-3143 days, 756-2681 eve.) dancasey_abc@centurytel.net

TOTALS: 80 species, plus 4 during count week (cw); 6657 individuals

We had 32 observers (14 parties) in the field for the 27th annual Bigfork Christmas Count. The blustery morning weather played a part in our second lowest count of individuals since 1986, as did generally low waterfowl numbers. This was only the fourth time in the last 14 years we failed to find 80 species. We tied or broke our record high totals for 9 species (underlined). Species in **boldface** have been seen <3 times on our count. This was the second consecutive year we found a rare **Mew Gull** at Somers; **Sandhill Crane**, **Prairie Falcon**, and **Northern Saw-whet Owl** also made only their second appearance ever. A Three-toed Woodpecker near Echo Lake was just the third since 1979. American Robins mocked the cold weather, with the 20 we found shattering our old record of 3, seen way back in 1974. The count of 72 pheasants was our highest since 1989. No new species were added to our list this year; we have seen 139 species over the history of the count.

Red-necked Grebe	1	Three-toed Woodpecker	1
Great Blue Heron	5	Northern Flicker	57
Tundra Swan	79	Pileated Woodpecker	13
swan, sp.	1	<u>Horned Lark</u>	35
Canada Goose	604	Gray Jay	7
Mallard	593	Steller's Jay	8
Canvasback	1	Blue Jay	5
Redhead	1	Clark's Nutcracker	1
Ring-necked Duck	7	Black-billed Magpie	131
Greater Scaup	2	American Crow	6
Lesser Scaup	1	Common Raven	165
Common Goldeneye	179	Black-capped Chickadee	303
goldeneye, sp.	1	Mountain Chickadee	76
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	44	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	29
Bufflehead	34	chickadee, sp.	11
Hooded Merganser	36	Red-breasted Nuthatch	92
Common Merganser	48	White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Bald Eagle	38	Pygmy Nuthatch	39
Northern Harrier	6	Brown Creeper	13
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Winter Wren	1
Northern Goshawk	1	American Dipper	7
Accipiter, sp.	1	Golden-crowned Kinglet	107
Red-tailed Hawk	11	Townsend's Solitaire	1
Rough-legged Hawk	18	<u>American Robin</u>	20
Buteo, sp.	4	<u>Bohemian Waxwing</u>	1486
Merlin	cw	Cedar Waxwing	48
Prairie Falcon	2	Northern Shrike	3
Gray Partridge	cw	European Starling	34
Ring-necked Pheasant	72	American Tree Sparrow	6
Ruffed Grouse	3	<u>Song Sparrow</u>	26
Wild Turkey	443	Dark-eyed Junco	57
American Coot	697	Snow Bunting	cw
Sandhill Crane	1	Red-winged Blackbird	65
Killdeer	4	blackbird, sp.	2
Common Snipe	1	Pine Grosbeak	cw
Ring-billed Gull	1	Cassin's Finch	15
Herring Gull	1	House Finch	207
Mew Gull	1	Red Crossbill	55
gull, sp.	4	White-winged Crossbill	18
Rock Dove	69	Common Redpoll	63
Mourning Dove	80	Hoary Redpoll	2
Great Horned Owl	4	Pine Siskin	183
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	American Goldfinch	15
Belted Kingfisher	3	Evening Grosbeak	75
Downy Woodpecker	28	House Sparrow	18
Hairy Woodpecker	17		





KALISPELL CHRISTMAS (NEW YEAR'S) BIRD COUNT

31 December 2000

Contact: Dan Casey, American Bird Conservancy, 33 Second St. East, Kalispell, 59901 (phone: 406-756-2681; fax: 406-756-2682; dancasey_abc@centurytel.net)

TOTALS: 66 species (plus one form, one hybrid); 15,946 individuals.

We had 26 observers in 10 field parties, plus feeder watchers, for our 2nd official Kalispell Christmas Bird Count. We beat last year's total by 5 species, and again found some surprises. We're still learning just how different the Kalispell circle (center at highway 93 and Reserve) is from the Bigfork count (centered at Streeter's Corner). Our count totals for 20 species tied or broke our 27-yr highs for the Bigfork count! These included 54 Bald Eagles, 4 Merlins, 79 Gray Partridge, 393 Mourning Doves, 20 Blue Jays, 148 American Robins, 5964 Bohemian Waxwings, and 951 House Finches. Rarities included our second consecutive **Black-backed Woodpecker**, a **Great Gray Owl** near the airport, a **Prairie Falcon** and 75 **Horned Larks** in the West Valley, an apparent hybrid chickadee, and 2 late **Western Meadowlarks**.

Great Blue Heron	8	Blue Jay	20
Canada Goose	623	Clark's Nutcracker	11
Mallard	3403	Black-billed Magpie	224
Common Goldeneye	31	American Crow	58
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	Common Raven	151
Bufflehead	12	Black-capped Chickadee	463
Hooded Merganser	1	Mountain Chickadee	62
Common Merganser	7	hybrid chickadee (B-c x Mtn)	1
Bald Eagle	54	chickadee, species	17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	Red-breasted Nuthatch	63
Red-tailed Hawk	19	White-breasted Nuthatch	5
Red-tailed "Harlan's" Hawk	1	Pygmy Nuthatch	92
Rough-legged Hawk	25	Brown Creeper	5
Buteo, species	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet	15
American Kestrel	1	Townsend's Solitaire	1
Merlin	4	American Robin	148
Prairie Falcon	1	Bohemian Waxwing	5964
Gray Partridge	79	Cedar Waxwing	177
Ring-necked Pheasant	64	waxwing, species	56
Ruffed Grouse	6	Northern Shrike	9
Wild Turkey	84	European Starling	426
Killdeer	1	American Tree Sparrow	84
Common Snipe	1	Song Sparrow	7
Rock Dove	518	Harris's Sparrow	1
Mourning Dove	393	Dark-eyed Junco	95
Great Horned Owl	1	Red-winged Blackbird	242
Great Gray Owl	1	blackbird, species	10
Belted Kingfisher	6	Western Meadowlark	2
Downy Woodpecker	47	Cassin's Finch	74
Hairy Woodpecker	7	House Finch	951
Black-backed Woodpecker	1	Red Crossbill	237
Northern Flicker	172	Common Redpoll	28
Pileated Woodpecker	10	Pine Siskin	66
woodpecker, species	1	American Goldfinch	82
Horned Lark	75	Evening Grosbeak	38
Gray Jay	4	House Sparrow	376
Steller's Jay	1		



BIRD SEED IS STILL AVAILABLE, PLEASE CALL NEAL BROWN AT 837-5018, OR COME TO THE GENERAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY.



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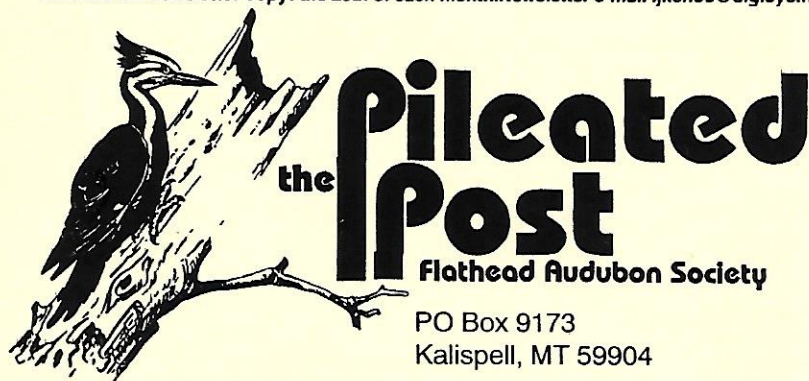
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