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## FLATHEAD AUDUBON TO RAFFLE TIPI FOR OWEN SOWERWINE



Edee Carlson has graciously donated a Sioux style tipi made by White Buffalo Lodges to Flathead Audubon. Edee owns Loose Moose Folk Art Carvings in Rollins. Thank-you for your generosity Edee!

The fourteen-foot tipi was purchased in 1994 and has never been used. White Buffalo Lodges of Livingston, Montana made it. It is beautifully made of canvas and leather and comes with poles, floor, door cover and a carrying bag. It has a value of over \$700.

Flathead Audubon will be selling raffle tickets at the April and May meetings and the tipi will be raffled off at the end of the May meeting. FAS will sell 700 tickets at \$1 each to raise money for the lease of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. You will find 5 raffle tickets in this newsletter. If you would like to buy a ticket or two please send your money and one half of the ticket stub with your name, address and phone number to Neal Brown, 560 Wolf Creek Dr., Bigfork MT 59911. For more information please call Neal Brown at 837-5018. And please buy a ticket or two.

## FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Flathead Family Forestry Expo will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> this year. The weekend events are free and open to everyone. The Expo events will be Saturday May 12 from 9:00AM until 4:00PM and Sunday May 14 from Noon until 4:00PM.

There will be logging demonstrations by the Nine-mile pack string and the Flathead Valley Community College Logger sports team on both days and a free shuttle bus will take participants

on mill tours of the Plum Creek facilities. The Sunrider Lions will provide a free loggers lunch on both days from 11:30AM to 1:00PM.

Flathead Audubon has been a part of the Expo since its inception and this year will again staff one of the many stations about modern forestry practices at the Stoltze Lumber Company's Trumble Creek Experimental Forest. You and your family can learn about water quality, fisheries and wildlife (including birds) and much more. For more information you can call Tom Pintinger at 892-7005 or visit their website at [www.digisys.net/ffe](http://www.digisys.net/ffe).

Flathead Forestry Expo is a wonderful opportunity for your family to learn about our forests and our neighbors that make their living in the Forest Products Industry. The Flathead Forestry Expo will be held at Stoltze Lumber Company's Trumble Creek Experimental Forest, go to the intersection of Hwy 40 and US 2 (at the Blue Moon Bar) and head north, it is off Tamarack Lane, just follow the signs. See you there.

## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 3, 2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**MEETING** will be held at 6:00PM at the Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1515 Trumble Creek road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### APRIL 9, 2001 THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

will be held at 7:30PM at the Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks building at 490 N Meridain Road in Kalispell. Ray Washtak, the Refuge Manager for the Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge, will present a slide show and talk about what is going on at the Refuge.

### FIELD TRIPS

### APRIL 7, 2001 LOWER VALLEY WATERFOWL

**TOUR.** Join us for a tour of the wetland hot spots of the Lower Flathead Valley. The focus of this trip is waterfowl, waterfowl and more waterfowl.

**APRIL 22, 2001 BIRDING AT SMITH LAKE** We will spend the morning looking for Sandhill Cranes and watching a variety of ducks and raptors.





## CHICKADEE CHATTER

Spring is in the air and that season of dramatic contrasts has finally come. Little snowballs have been falling here for the past few moments and in a few more moments the sun will try to break through the clouds. There are never dull moments this time of the year. The Robins have made it back in numbers, the Tree Sparrows are singing their beautiful songs, and the House Finches and the Evening Grosbeaks are bright with red and golden feathers. Green-winged Teal and Tundra Swans are swimming in the bay by the house and the Canadian Geese squabble late into the night.

The snowballs have turned into rain now. Oh, how I love the rain, especially in the early spring. There will soon be little green things popping up in all the right places. I can hardly wait for the little green things to come. It is also hard to wait for the birds that I know will soon be here to come... Osprey and swallows and warblers and vireos and hummingbirds and all. I must bid my time and these things will soon be here.

An early spring outing is a fine way to bid ones time and I visited a wonderful place recently, a National Wildlife Refuge near Missoula. It is called Lee Metcalf NWR and is located about 25 miles south of Missoula. A small place by wildlife refuge standards, only 2800 acres, but truly a special place. The Refuge has an amazing diversity of habitat, the Bitterroot River flows along the western boundary of the Refuge and there are large old cottonwoods and meadows and sloughs and ponds and mudflats and grasslands.

The day was overcast and fairly warm for a March day and several friends and I drove the short miles from Missoula to spend a few hours watching the world around us. It was a wonderful day and full of interesting contrasts. The road through the Refuge goes through some grassy areas and then by some fairly large ponds. We stopped first there at the ponds, not all the ice had left but in the open water were ducks by the dozens and some large off-white Tundra Swans. The air around us was filled with bird song. Song Sparrows sang from the cattails and a very happy American Robin was in the grass. Swimming in the water were Green-winged Teal and American Widgeon and Northern Pintail. A Common Goldeneye and a Barrow's Goldeneye swam side by side and gave us a good look at the small differences between the two. Mallards, Canadian Geese and Redheads all swam in the pond or waddled on the ice. A few Hooded Mergansers

were putting on a spring display. Here and there on the ice in the distance were small furry round things, in the spotting scope they became muskrats.

The Red-winged Blackbirds were making quite a bit of noise as well, the red patches in their wings showing vividly. Black-billed Magpies were seen flying over the grasses. We left the pond area reluctantly and drove to the other side of the Refuge and the Bitterroot River area. There are several miles of trails, picnic tables and a rest stop here.

We walked down the pathway towards the River looking around us and listening. The wind was blowing a bit and there were soft little bird sounds coming from the trees above and around us. Along this path a pair of Great Horned Owls are frequently seen and we searched the trees for owls. We saw and heard chickadees and finches and Tree Sparrows and lots of woodpeckers. There were lots of loud Red-shafted Flickers hammering away at the bark of dead snags and chattering away. Little Downy Woodpeckers flit by in that characteristic woodpecker flight pattern.

The water in the river seemed low but the spring runoff in the mountains hasn't begun yet. Amazingly there was no snow left anywhere on the Refuge, the only holdout of winter being the ice left on the ponds. It was pleasant to stand by the River and listen to the water flow. Two Canadian Geese were taking a bath, sparkling drops of water flying everywhere.

The end of the trail winds through evergreen and cottonwood trees at the edge of a small meadow. Here and there flitting through the trees were small birds, nuthatches by the sound and as we watch Red-breasted, White-breasted and tiny little Pygmy Nuthatches all wander in and out of the trees in front of us. We are fascinated by the contrasts. It is the first time I have seen a Pygmy Nuthatch. A bright little jewel in the grass caught our eye, a tiny yellow buttercup blooming.

It is hard to leave the vivacious nuthatches but we do. We get back to the car and in the distance in the field in front of us were dozens of White-tailed Deer. They were keeping an eye on a Coyote chasing rodents in the field.

As we drove out of the Refuge a Golden Eagle sat in a tree off in the distance, an agitated Red-tailed Hawk dive bombing it. We watched for a bit and they both finally flew off towards the River, the Golden large and majestic in flight and the Red-tail smaller and quicker.

It was a wonderful early spring day; we saw 33 species of birds on the Refuge in a few short hours. These are the days that linger in the memory.

Leslie Kehoe







## **APRIL GENERAL MEETING LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Ray Washtak, on site manager of the Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge, will present our April program. Featuring slides of the scenic beauty of the Refuge and of the many mammals and birds that make their homes there, Ray's program will also give us a brief history of how the Refuge came into being and discuss the 15-year management plan that is currently being developed.

Established on August 24, 1999, the Lost Trail NWR is located approximately 40 miles west of Kalispell in Pleasant Valley, on the site of the former Lost Trail Ranch. It contains 9,325 acres of wetland, riparian and upland habitat. Currently the Refuge is known to be home to white-tailed deer, elk, moose, bear, mountain lions and the occasional wolf. Bird species in the area include Sandhill cranes, Black Terns, many kinds of ducks, Bald Eagles and many other raptors.

Ray will welcome suggestions and comments regarding the 15-year management plan at the close of his presentation and his supervisor, Dave Wiseman, Project Leader of the National Bison Complex also hopes to be in attendance to take part in this discussion.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Lost Trail NWR and to have a voice in its development and management. Please plan to attend!

## **TAKE NOTE SIBLEY GUIDES FOR SALE FROM FAS**

THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY HAS COPIES OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY'S NEW SIBLEY GUIDE TO BIRDS FOR SALE. THEY WILL COST \$25.00 EACH. IT IS A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO ANY BIRDWATCHERS LIBRARY AND WILL PUT A FEW DOLLARS INTO FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY'S BANK ACCOUNT. THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETINGS OR PLEASE CALL NEAL BROWN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ONE OF THESE EXCEPTIONAL BIRD GUIDES, 837-5018.

## **COMING SOON...TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU: "MONTANA BIRD DISTRIBUTION MEETS THE WORLD WIDE WEB"**

Plan on warming up your computers, hopping onto the World Wide Web, and entering your bird observations! In the not-too-distant future (next couple of months), you will be able to log onto the Montana Natural Heritage Program and enter your bird sightings online. The birds you see will help to identify where birds are found - and what areas they use across the state to nest, rest during migration, and survive the winter. The data that you submit will be included in the new edition of the book Montana Bird Distribution (MBD) due out this fall. The new edition is being updated with new records from the past five years.

There is no other publication that covers the distribution of birds across the state of Montana in such detail. This information is important to wildlife biologists, consultants, and bird watchers. This book helps determine what birds a particular development, highway, or other large-scale project might affect. You can help to produce a better, more comprehensive publication by submitting information about the birds you see. Currently, you may also submit your sightings to the Montana Audubon office. Copies of the form to fill out can be found in the 5th edition of MBD, or you can get ahold of the form at <[www.mtaudubon.org](http://www.mtaudubon.org)> or by contacting Susan Lenard (phone: 443-3949 - email: [slenard@audubon.org](mailto:slenard@audubon.org)). Simply, your information will help to get a better idea of where birds can be found around the state.

The value of MBD depends on the efforts of hundreds of birdwatchers - birdwatchers like you. If you need more information about how you can become involved in this project, please contact Susan at the email address/ or phone number above. Thanks for your interest!





## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### Should Wildlife Be Fed?

Many of us feed songbirds at feeders, hopefully with healthy and nutritious Flathead Audubon Society seed. Some people feed wildlife in other ways, whether using suet cages, grain, or hay. Some households accidentally feed wildlife such as skunks, raccoons, bears, and even wolverines while feeding common pets such as dogs and cats outdoors. However, most wildlife feeding by private individuals is intentional, such as feeding grain to turkeys, which occurs in much of the Flathead valley, or hay to deer, which occurs along the North Fork road. The FAS board of directors recently discussed the issue of turkey transplants in the Bitterroot Valley. This led to a discussion of wildlife feeding since turkey population levels in Montana may be kept artificially high through feeding by private individuals, if populations are in fact not completely dependent upon feeding. Local ornithologist Dan Casey has said he believes turkey populations would exist, but at a much lower population level, without supplemental feeding in the Flathead Valley. The discussion of turkeys and wildlife feeding raised more questions than answers. Are we wildlife feeders, albeit bird feeders, of the same sort as big game or turkey feeders? We cause some problems, not the least of which is encouraging bear visits to human dwellings. But there is also an unnatural concentration of songbirds at feeders, possibly leading to more disease transmission and easier predation by sharp-shinned hawks, pygmy owls, northern shrikes, or domestic cats. There may be other concerns associated with bird feeding such as habituation to an unnatural food source, or poor placement of feeders in relation to windows.

There is considerable sympathy and concern for wildlife during winter months. It is not surprising that there is public support for wildlife feeding, yet there is some confusion. Many states have conflicting laws and programs within their borders, not to mention the differences from one adjacent state to the next. Wild turkeys can survive in milder Idaho without supplemental feeding but the state feeds and transplants turkeys, both of which bolster the population and range, yet spends a significant amount of time trapping and moving nuisance turkeys. They can be very hard on gardens, grapevines, berries, and riparian areas. The state of Idaho also has an official policy discouraging and disapproving of big game feeding, yet feeds big game itself. The state of Wyoming spends huge amounts of time and money fighting diseases such as brucellosis yet congregates elk in large number near Jackson. In the East Kootenay mountains of British Columbia, private sportsman's groups spent \$100,000 feeding deer and elk this year. Apparently they received more snow than we did. The provincial government was criticized for not matching the effort with funding, which helped cause further public concern resulting in a total of \$800,000 in donations to the sportsman's groups. Next door in Alberta, the provincial government itself spent one million dollars feeding big game. In Florida, the fish and wildlife commission sponsors a deer and turkey supplemental feeding workshop for private landowners so they can attract wildlife to their property. And lucky for them, Purina sells Deer Chow. However, a proposed law in Georgia would make it illegal to feed wild alligators, and in Colorado it is illegal to feed big game in general. The government in Tasmania discourages the feeding of wallabies, as they are normally solitary and also can be aggressive toward their human "benefactor". The confusion is endless.

The Progressive Animal Welfare Society points out some concerns to think about:

- Wild animals can lose their fear of people when supplemental feeding occurs, thus being hit by cars or hunted more easily, or becoming nuisance animals requiring further human action that could be harmful.
- Artificially high survival and reproduction may occur.
- Supplemental feeding may affect awareness of seasonal changes and hence migration clues.
- Other considerations include the huge expense of wildlife feeding, the agricultural losses to farmers and ranchers adjacent to feeding sites, the range damage to native vegetation even when no agricultural areas are adjacent to feeding areas.

This is all not intended to say that bird feeders are wrong and should be taken down. We should just think about what we are doing. We should think about whether we are keeping populations artificially high, or whether we are concentrating animals making it easier to succumb to transmitted diseases or predation. If we feed deer, we also need to think if we want predators, such as mountain lions, near our houses, children, and pets. If we feed birds in bear country, do we want the bears in our yards, and Fish, Wildlife and Parks to have to trap, possibly repeatedly, another bear which may eventually end up being destroyed. All this just from talking turkey.

**BY JAY SHEPARD**





## A WINTER AFTERNOON AT OWEN SOWERWINE

It appears that the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area is safe from exploitation and will continue to be licensed by Montana Audubon with Flathead Audubon committed to raising \$550.00 per year to help with the license payment. Flathead Audubon will also manage the area.

Thanks go to Neal Brown, Linda Winnie, Malcolm Thompson, Jane Adams, And Arlene Montgomery for driving to Helena to testify for the land and its wild inhabitants. Even though SB354 passed from the Natural Resources Committee, the committee exempted lands classified as "other" meaning, the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area was exempted from this legislation. While it is no fun to testify and takes a day out of the life, we appreciate those willing to take the bull by the horns. Janet Ellis is a passionate, articulate, dedicated lobbyist for Montana Audubon, and we are especially grateful for her work.

On March 1, Neal and I went to Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge to an open house hosted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In our comment we took a strong conservation stand with an emphasis on restoration. On our way home we stopped at Owen Sowerwine, slapped on our snowshoes and walked out into this wild land in the middle of the Kalispell suburbs. Pileated woodpeckers were numerous; drumming, flying overhead, calling, reminding us that our mascot bird thrives in our adopted natural area. It was a gray day and the red from the pileated crest was a sharp flash of color. Then I noticed more red. There were clumps of red, juicy berries still hanging on the barren branches of *Viburnum edule*, (high bush cranberry). There was a huge flock of bohemian waxwings milling about and I began to notice the red stained snow. There was also a bad smell in the air. Neal called the smell "The south end of a dog headed north". The over-ripe berries give a musty odor. They are sour but edible and passerines have a poorly developed sense of smell. They might not be a favorite waxwing

berry, but clearly there was food still available at the end of winter.

The Owen Sowerwine is a different landscape in winter under a white blanket. Walking on frozen water we had improved access and visibility. Neal spotted a goshawk, perched in a tree and it never moved while we watched and walked beneath it. A magpie scolded and harassed the hawk but the hawk was indifferent. Suddenly a huge flock of waxwings on either side of the Goshawk flushed and vanished and a merlin flashed past.

Snow tells us so much about animal activity. In the past, Neal has seen lion tracks here and Ben Long reported finding a deer carcass that looked like a lion kill. Indeed this is a magical place; it has balance, and it changes dramatically from season to season. It remains a good example of why we do the work we do.



As you will remember, Owen Sowerwine was the first Flathead Co. Parks Commissioner, a local civil and business leader and one of the founders of F.V.C.C. I knew Owen Sowerwine's son, John, when I went to school at Humboldt State Univ. in Arcata, Ca. John, a fisherman, was lost at sea a few years ago while pulling crab pots close to shore during a storm. Another son, David, lives most of the year in Nepal where he runs a business that develops low-tech solutions to Nepal's primitive problems. David and his wife have a cabin on a 160-acre tract west of the Flathead River near Somers. The property is under a conservation easement with the Flathead Land Trust. David's grandson has been given the name Owen. I hope someday Owen Sowerwine will enjoy the Natural Area which was named after his great grandfather. I hope he is a bird watcher and is grateful to Flathead Audubon for their work to KEEP IT WILD. By Pattie Brown





## SPRING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

**SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2001 LOWER VALLEY WATERFOWL TOUR.** Please join FAS for a 3 to 4 hour guided tour of the wetland areas in the Somers area and the north shore of Flathead Lake. We will search for resident and migrating waterfowl mostly but we should see a wide variety of raptors and early songbirds. This is a great time to bone up on your ducks and get into the spirit spring. Join us for a morning of early spring bird watching. We will meet at the Somers Recreation Area (the boat ramp) at 8:30Am. Bring your binoculars and snacks and dress for the weather. For more information please call Bruce Tannehill at 862-5807.

**SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2001 THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EARTHDAY** Please recycle, reuse and reduce.

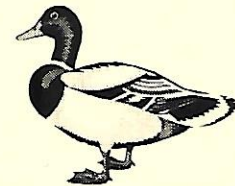
**SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2001 SMITH LAKE BIRDING.** The Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Area this time of the year will have many varieties of ducks including grebes, buffleheads and ruddy ducks. We will search for Sandhill Cranes and Marsh Harriers, Eagles and Osprey should be seen. We will certainly see and hear Western Meadowlarks and bluebirds. It will be an enjoyable morning of bird watching. Please meet at the Fish, Wildlife & Parks building in Kalispell at 8:00AM Sunday morning. For more information please call Leslie Kehoe at 837-4467.

**FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2001 THE MONTANA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** The MWA will once again host films from the International Wildlife Film Festival held in Missoula. The theme this year is "Journeys to Jungleground" and will feature several short films about beavers, worms and Gelada baboons. The main film is entitled The Great Dance; A Hunters Story and follows the bushmen of Africa who hunt in their ancestors footsteps and have 30,000 years of tradition to uphold. The films will be shown at the

Flathead High School and will begin at 7:00PM. Admission is \$5. For more information please call Karen Wills at 387-4011 or Cesar Hernandez at 755-6304.

**SATURDAY MAY 12, 2001 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AT THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE.** The National Bison Range at Moiese will celebrate the return of the winged migrants with bird walks and a guided drive over the newly opened Red Sleep Mountain Drive (the long drive). Please call Pat Jamieson at the National Bison Range to sign up for the bird walks and for further information at 406-644-2211, Ext 207.

**SUNDAY MAY 13, 2001 BIRDING AT THE LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** Spring birdwatching at the Refuge near Marion is fantastic and with the habitat diversity there one can see shorebirds and waterfowl as well as raptors and migratory songbirds of all kinds. We will spend most of the day at the Refuge watching birds and learning songs of warblers and vireos and flycatchers. We will meet at 7:00AM at the Fish, Wildlife & Parks building in Kalispell. Please bring binoculars, and a sack lunch. For more information please call Leslie Kehoe at 837-4467.



## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE BOX FOR WILDLIFE



It is time to file our taxes and on your 2000 Montana Income Tax Return you will find a box with an eagle in it, it is the Watchable Wildlife Checkoff. Please consider making a contribution to the State Fish & Wildlife non-game program, and it is tax deductible.

The money raised from the non-game tax check-off on our Montana tax form assists in the funding of programs for birds and other non-game wildlife. We can do our small part on April 15th by putting a check in the box.





## A NEW EPA WEBSITE

WASHINGTON, DC, December 11, 2000 (ENS) - A new website offers information on the environmental performance of more than 600 products and services. The Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Database is a tool to make it easier to purchase products and services with reduced environmental impacts.

The database is organized like a shopping mall with environmental information for selected products and services located within each store. The database is one of several resources offered through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program. Organized into 50 categories from appliances to vehicles, the database is a comprehensive resource for conducting pre-solicitation market research, revising performance specifications, developing contract language or establishing evaluation criteria. The EPP database includes more than 330 environmental standards and guidelines developed by government agencies and independent groups.

The database includes voluntary standards and guidelines used to compare the environmental preferability of products and services, contract language and specifications containing environmentally preferable purchasing language, and other sources of information about the environmental preferability of products and services. The database provides product specific information developed by government programs, both domestic and international, as well as third parties. Users are encouraged to submit their own information so the database can be updated. The website includes links to hundreds of environmental purchasing resources, potential suppliers and contracts used by federal, state and local governments and the private sector for purchasing green products and services. The database contains information developed by leading environmental experts in EPA programs and those of other Federal and foreign agencies. More information on this program is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/database.htm>

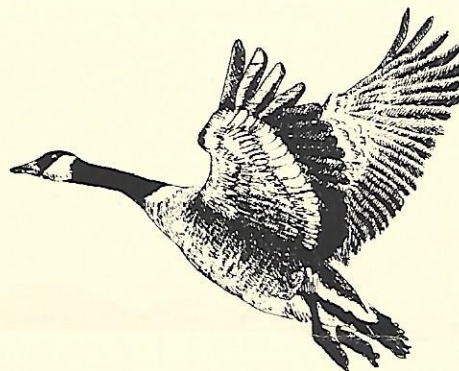
## MONTANA AUDUBON'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BIRD FESTIVAL

The stunning beauty of the North Fork of the Teton River. The wildflower rich slopes of Crown Butte. The eye-popping wingspan of an American White Pelican. The amazing diversity of

birds around Freezeout Lake. All this and more can be yours at Montana Audubon's Second Bird Festival-'Celebrating Montana's Birds: The Rocky Mountain Front'.

The Festival will be held in Choteau June 1-3, it will be a blend of science, entertainment, a small town atmosphere and, most importantly, great opportunities for birding. Many of Montana's leading bird experts will be present to lead field trips and share their knowledge.

Festival registration forms will be mailed in early April. It is not too early to be thinking about prizes for the raffle and silent auction. Please contact Loren Flynn at the Montana Audubon office with donations or ideas for donations at 406-446-3949.



## FLATHEAD AUDUBON MISSION STATEMENT

THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY IS A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.

- OUR MISSION IS TO CONSERVE BIRDS, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM DIVERSITY.
- AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD IS PROMOTED THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.
- WE WORK WITH DIVERSE GROUPS AND AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE SOUND DECISIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.
- OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH INCLUDES SCHOOL PROGRAMS, WORK PROJECTS AND FIELD TRIPS.
- WHILE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS IN NORTHWEST MONTANA, WE BELIEVE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE EARTH AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS.





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## MONTANA AUDUBON

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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