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FERNE COHEN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ferne Cohen was presented with Montana Audubon's 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award at the Montana Bird Festival held this past June in Choteau.

This award is given by Montana Audubon to "an extraordinary volunteer," in recognition of her lifelong dedication and commitment to the work of Audubon.

Here is the text that was read at the award ceremony in Choteau:

"Though most of Ferne's involvement with Audubon actually occurred with the Sea and Sage Audubon before she moved to Montana, Ferne's work in Montana has been remarkable:

"Thank you, Ferne, for more than 10 years of active service to the Flathead Audubon Chapter, including in the following capacities:

- ◆ Serving on the Board of Directors for ten years;
- Acting as the Chapter's Earth Day Coordinator;
- Coordinating Chapter activities to bring National Audubon's Community Solid Waste Program to the Flathead;
- Representing the Chapter on the Lone Pine State Park Task Force; and
- Serving as Chair of the Chapter's Quality of Life program.

◆ Thank you for being an active participant in the many state and national meetings that you have attended, including being Flathead Audubon's delegate to the Montana Audubon Board and representing the chapter on Montana Audubon's Population and Habitat Committee.

◆ Thank you for leading Flathead Audubon's recycling and precycling programs, including representing them in various coalitions that have worked throughout the Flathead Valley to encourage people to make life long commitments to being good stewards of the plant Earth.

◆ Thank you for coordinating the chapter's activities to defeat the filling of a 30-acre wetland in Whitefish by P&D Enterprises. This rare spruce bog is very unique ecologically, as well as important for the local watershed.

◆ Thank you for assisting Flathead Audubon with numerous projects and programs, especially for

your ability to jump in and help out when help is needed. As one Flathead Audubon Board member said about Ferne: "just tell her what you want done and stand back!"

◆ And thank you for serving as a role model for all of us. Ferne lives with her husband (of more than 50 years) Marty in a resource efficient house that uses passive solar energy and a decomposing toilet. She also practices the precycling activities she preaches!

We applaud you, Ferne, for your lifelong work and commitment to Audubon – and for making our lives richer for knowing you."

The officers and board directors and all of the members of Flathead Audubon wholeheartedly echo these words, and join with Montana Audubon in recognizing Ferne's outstanding contributions to the Audubon Society, and to Flathead Audubon in particular. Thank you Ferne, and congratulations on this much-deserved award.

By Linda Winnie

2001 OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1 FAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING will take place at 6:00PM at The Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1515 Trumble Creek Rd. The public and Audubon members are always welcome.

Oct. 8, THE FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING will feature noted owl expert Denver Holt from The Owl Institute. He will present a program on Snowy Owls. The meeting begins at 7:30 at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Building at 490 N. Meridian Rd in Kalispell. Please note the Board of Directors Meeting will take place at 5:30PM prior to the general meeting.

Oct. 14, FAS FIELD TRIP TO SMITH LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. Please join FAS for a morning of birding at Smith Lake. We should see many kinds of migrating waterfowl and raptors. Meet at the FWP Building on Meridian in Kalispell at 8:30AM. Be prepared for fall weather. For more info call Leslie Kehoe at 837-4467.



CHICKADEE CHATTER

I was awakened the first day of Fall by a wonderful sound...the calls and songs of thousands of birds. The first sound that made it into my sleepy brain was the lilting, lovely song of a Song Sparrow. They are usually so quiet this time of the year and this little fellow was singing away right outside the window. He didn't sing for long but I will cherish that last sparrow song of summer through the winter months ahead. I was pleasantly awake by now when in the distance from the west the honks and toots of hundreds of Canadian Geese could be heard. V's of eight to twelve geese have been flying over for some days already and I always enjoy watching them as they wing overhead. But the sound that I heard approaching could only be many times eight or twelve. I had to get up and see what was happening. There they were hundreds and hundreds of Canada Geese flying overhead. They were flying low just above the treetops, you could hear the whoosh of hundreds wing-beats and it seemed as if every goose had a comment on the state of the migration. I could only stand there in my jammies, toes cold, heart warm and look up amazed at the sheer number of birds on the wing.

And so we come to it, it is time for that age-old mystery to occur, it is time for MIGRATION. It is really a very logical thing for birds and animals to do. They are simply searching for a place where food is more abundant and habitat is more suitable, they search for a way to survive through the cold months in the north. Some of our summer residents only have to wing their way to the southern United States or northern Mexico, but some take epic journeys as far away as South America. It is hard to imagine that these small feathered wonders can and will fly so very far away.

What we must remember is this: the will to survive is the strongest sense all creatures possess, it is written in the genetic code. Now, I like to think that the Flathead Valley is home for our summer visitors but it is really not true. The migrants only come here to breed in a place that has abundant food sources, long days in which to gather food and less competition with other species for limited resources. The chances for survival are maximized. Consequently, baby birds have the best chance of survival in northern latitudes. It is a system that has worked well for thousands upon thousands of years and will continue, God willing, for many, many more.

For many of us it simply part of our lives, the seasons come and go and the small feathered ones are simply one piece in the puzzle of life.

Fall can be a challenge for bird watchers as the birds we have watched so carefully all spring and summer have changed their colors and habits and songs. Let me give you an example: A flock of Yellow-rumped Warblers have stopped here every year for many years and up until a few years ago they were mystery birds. This year with all the warm weather and millions of insects flying through the air they are acting like flycatchers. They perch on branches and dart to

and fro in a mid-air dance, what distinguishes them from other little gray birds is a brilliant yellow rump when they are in flight. If one looks closely they also have a distinct pattern under the forked tail. The birds that spent a few short weeks here in my backyard make very little noise, usually only calls.

It has been so very beautiful lately and I have had some very interesting birds wandering around the neighborhood. Some mornings are so full of bird song I just have to grab the binoculars and see what there is to see. There have been very large flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds stopping here, several hundred birds will descend on the fir and cottonwood trees and chatter away. They are eating bugs and berries and sunflower seeds and just as quickly as they came they fly away.

Several days ago a very large flock of American Robins showed up. Every bush and berry tree had large gray and orange birds in it. Some of the chokecherry only have berries left on the very ends on slender branches and it was very interesting watching large birds try to eat these berries. They all took different approaches, one would try to inch out on the branch and glean a berry or two before falling off, another would take the aerial approach and would fly up to the branch and try to hover while eating a berry (hummingbird style). It was great fun watching all the antics, I have to keep reminding myself all of this is in the name of survival. And so it goes in my little corner of paradise. Hope you get a chance to get out and watch the mysteries of migration. Leslie Kehoe



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Snowy Owl: Silent Hunter of the Tundra
Presented by Denver Holt and the Owl Research Institute

Denver Holt, director of the Owl Research Institute at Charlo, Montana and a renowned authority on North American owls offers the fascinating results of his latest research--a ten year study of snowy owls. From their summer breeding range on the tundra of the far north to their occasional wintertime forays onto the prairies of Montana and the Dakotas, Denver and his team of biologists have followed and documented all aspects of the snowy owl's natural history and behavior. Illustrated with beautiful photography and complimented by Denver's engaging and always entertaining lecture this program is sure to be the highlight of our fall series, and the best way to learn about this mysterious and seldom seen denizen of the great, white north.



A MESSAGE FROM JOHN FLICKER

All of us at Audubon are deeply saddened by the events of September 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

This incomprehensible tragedy brings into focus what is most important to us - our families and loved ones, our communities, our freedoms, and the other core values that make our society strong.

For more than 100 years, Audubon has been an American institution, promoting values important to our society. We believe that strong communities are the foundation of a strong country, and that a healthy environment is essential for our families, society, and a prosperous economy.

Audubon will continue to provide leadership to our members and society at large. From the Arctic to Latin America, from preserving Important Bird Areas to encouraging healthy habitats in backyards, we will work for the preservation of our natural heritage. Our staff, our volunteers, and our chapters will continue to enrich the lives of every American by insuring the protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitats throughout the Americas.

John Flicker
President, Audubon
09/18/01

MONTANA AUDUBON RARE BIRD HOTLINE

There are several ways to hear about and report rare bird sightings in Montana:

- Terry Toppins of Missoula maintains the Montana Birding Hotline for rare, unusual or out of season birds. You can call (406) 721-9799 to listen to bird sightings or to report a bird sighting of your own. Or, you can contact Terry at tertop@aol.com. Montana Audubon has begun an archive of the latest Rare Bird Alerts. Terry also forwards this information to the National Birding Hotline Cooperative.
- Wayne Tree of Stevensville generates an e-mail bird alert. To report a rare bird sighting, send a message to Wayne (

wetree@montana.com), or if you want to receive alerts send a message to Wayne telling him you want to be included on all alerts. Each month Wayne also compiles a list of Best Backyard Birds from birders across the country.

- You can also report all bird sightings, usual and unusual, for inclusion in the next edition of Montana Bird Distribution, due in the fall of 2001. Please use the MBD Bird Form or the Rare Bird Report Form.

All reports should include your name, type of bird, location the bird was sighted, how often the bird has been sighted, other witnesses to the bird sighting and any other information you think is pertinent. From the Montana Audubon Website at www.mtaudubon.org



TIPI RAFFLE A SUCCESS AND MANY THANKS

Flathead Audubon's tipi raffle last spring was a wonderful success and raised \$1076.00. This money will help FAS to pay for the lease of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. The tipi was raffled off at the May potluck dinner and the winner is Linda Winnie, yes, our new President. Congratulations Linda!

Flathead Audubon would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and especially Edee Carlson for her generous donation of the tipi. Many, many thanks!



FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



We Are All Wet by Neal Brown

Each summer for the past twelve years Flathead Audubon has made an effort to remove the plant Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, from two potholes on the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge south of Ronan, Mt. This is a classic conservation effort. People gather on a sunny summer morning, dressed in work clothes, rubber boots and gloves, each wielding shovels, or garden forks. Some have garbage bags in tow. For the next two hours as the sun approaches its zenith, they dig and pull the invasive wetland invader Purple Loosestrife. In wetlands, it is the plant you love to hate.

Lythrum salicaria is a European species of Lythrum, first introduced on this continent as an ornamental plant. It grows up to eight feet tall with multiple brilliant purple flowering spikes that come into bloom in late summer. It is prolific, each spike can produce a million seeds. It has a root mass that lays out a web. This web crowds and strangles all competition. The seeds float on water for 24 to 72 hours then sink. Encased in the wetland sediments, the seeds can remain viable for 50 years! In an attempt to find a biological control for Purple Loosestrife, a few insects of European derivation have been introduced at Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge. To date, these beetles, approved by the U.S.D.A., have yet to achieve an ecological balance. This is a plant that has no natural biological checks on this continent. When introduced into our wetlands, it is soon the dominant plant. It often creates a monoculture. Where once were cattails and marsh wrens, now is Loosestrife and silence. The birds and mammals of North America find little utility in Purple Loosestrife. The seeds are not readily available for sustenance, nor is the vegetative portion of the plant used. This plant does not lend itself to nest building. The result of a Purple Loosestrife monoculture is a wetland packed with one plant and very little else, no muskrat, no black birds, no wrens, no grebes, the list goes on and on. It is important to remember that 90% percent of our wildlife utilize wetlands during their lifecycle. The immensity of these figures makes the threat of a plant like Purple Loosestrife very clear. Lose the native wetland plant community and we lose the wetland fauna. That is how ecology works.

This year Jay Shepherd, Dan and Susanna Casey, John Grant of Montana Department of Natural Resources and myself made up the fieldtrip. (Thanks to Ed Prach who called and said he would be with us in spirit.) After two hours of honest, thorough effort, we had removed all the Purple Loosestrife we could find. Our goal is to be very efficient, so efficient that no herbicides are needed as follow up. We followed our efforts with a gourmet lunch of avocado sandwiches, watermelon and strawberries dipped in malt syrup. These efforts always bring a sense of accomplishment and friendship. That is how Flathead Audubon works.

And Some Are Wetter Than Others by Pattie Brown

Neal and I were traveling home from the west coast through British Columbia, Canada, the first part of September. We had a kayak on top of our car, so we were looking for remote camping areas next to water. On our map I noticed a Provincial Park at the end of a 25 mile dirt road which followed an arm, more like a finger, of Shuswap Lake. After two hours of driving, as we neared the end of the lake, we looked back on the lake to discover an armada of rental party houseboats coming our way. We counted twenty BIG boats aimed at us, full steam ahead. It looked like an invasion. We had no idea we were at the "Houseboat Capitol of the World". We saw the advertisement on the drive back out.

We watched a couple boats land on shore. Men jumped off with a rope in one hand and a beer can in the other, like they were claiming the land for Queen Victoria. Clearly it wasn't the first beer of the day. They were loud, and there was every indication more conquerors would follow, and they would be up late. We were dismayed and began our retreat. Only a few miles down the road, we saw a Forest Service campground called "Nellie Lake". We had fallen through the Looking Glass and arrived in the magical forestland of gnomes and fairies and yes, can it be true? FROGS. It was a small lake nestled in second growth spruce, fir, cedar with a sphagnum moss forest floor. We were the only people. We could have camped naked, but when you are over 50 you don't get naked as often as you used to. Besides, it wasn't hot. At the shore of the lake, Neal was the first to notice a very small frog, the size of your fingernail. We guessed it was a chorus frog, but it really didn't matter what kind of frog it was because just being a frog was enough. Soon we realized that muddy looking mats along the shore were really huge clumps of frogs. We couldn't walk for fear of stepping on them. In the morning when the sun shone on the water's edge, Neal sent me down to sit with the frogs. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)



AND SOME ARE WETTER THAN OTHERS BY PATTIE BROWN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

Frogs were emerging from tadpoles. Hundreds of tadpoles in all stages of development were swimming next to shore. The tadpoles were twice the size of the frogs. Some had legs and some already looked like frogs but they still had a tail. The ones that were now totally frogs were crawling out of the water and into a mass.

I can't begin to explain the total joy I felt to sit with so many frogs. I was blessed. And I also knew that this would never happen to me again. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I will cherish. I've never seen or heard a frog at Ninepipe where we pull Loosestrife. As we develop the land, poison our water with chemicals, introduce fish, or otherwise mess with a sensitive aquatic ecosystem, amphibians are some of the first critters to disappear. I don't want to live in a world without the chorus of frogs. But for me, for today, I have hope because I know that Nellie Lake with millions of frogs remains pristine.

And everybody else is on their houseboat!



National Wildlife Refuge Week is October 14-20. Take this opportunity to visit one of the refuges we have in our backyard. The National Bison Range, the Swan River Wildlife Refuge and Lost Trail Wildlife Refuge are all within a short distance and are all wonderful places to go and watch some fall feathered migrants.

A new website with information on the environmental performance of products and services

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>





OWL RESEARCH INSTITUTE NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

The Owl Research Institute is a nonprofit organization that contributes to wildlife conservation through research and education. The ORI also teaches conservation values through our series of informative natural history tours. We have planned several tours designed to accommodate limited numbers of participants in order to assure the most comfort and personal attention.

With the wide variety of incredible habitats and spectacular landscapes worldwide, opportunities for experiencing different natural history and cultural settings are almost endless. Your senior tour leader, Denver Holt is a wildlife researcher and founder of the Owl Research Institute and Ninepipes Center for Wildlife Research and Education, located in Charlo, Montana. Since 1978, his particular focus has been researching owls and their ecology. He has published numerous papers for scientific and popular publications, and co-authored a children's science book. He was the senior author for the *Strigidae* (owls) species accounts for the Handbook of The Birds of the World, covering 189 species. His research has appeared on Audubon's Up Close Series, Disney, PBS's Birdwatch, CNN Science News, David Attenborough's Life of Birds, among others. His work will be featured on The National Geographic Explorer television program (2001) and in National Geographic Magazine in 2002. Denver has led many natural history tours in North and Central America and Tanzania, Africa. He also guides for Victor Emanuel Nature Tour Company. The Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society named Denver as Biologist of the Year for 2000.

For more information on the ORI, visit www.owlinstitute.org



LA PAZ, BAJA, MEXICO: December 1-10, 2001

Bordered to the east by the Sea of Cortez - one of the richest biological bodies of water in the world - we will spend eight days on the Baja Peninsula, exploring where the Sonoran desert meets the sea. We will journey to the offshore islands, the inland mountains, and the shrub-land thickets in search of splendors such as Cape Pygmy Owl, Blue-footed Boobie, Magnificent Frigatebird, Brown Pelican, Xantus Hummingbird, California Sea Lion, Harbor Porpoise and Common Dolphin.

NORTHERN TANZANIA: January 10-27, 2002

Our African Safari is a two-week adventure. We will be surrounded by one of the greatest wildlife shows left on earth - Leopard, Cheetah, Hyaena, Lion, Elephant, Giraffe, Rhinoceros, Hippopotamus, Zebra, Crocodile, and many others. Among the many landscape features that also make this trip truly a chance of a lifetime include: visits to Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti, the Rift Valley, Lake Manyara, and Olduvai Gorge. We will also have the opportunity to learn about the culture, history, and language of the Maasai people.

CENTRAL PANAMA: Dates TBA, January, 2003

Join us for eight days on this neo-tropical tour. We will stay at the Canopy Tower Lodge, located in the Soberania National Park. We will spend considerable time hiking along Pipeline Road, arguably the most famous birding road in the world. Our days will consist of finding, identifying, and observing a wealth of tropical birds and mammals, including Trogons, Toucans, Mot-mots, Puffbirds, Manakins, Antbirds, Tanagers, Howler and Capuchin monkey, Two and Three Toed sloth, White-nosed Coati, Agouti, Capybara, and with some luck, Kinkajou, and Tamandua Anteater.

WINTER RAPTOR WORKSHOP: Dates TBA, February, 2002

Bordered to the east by the awesome 9000-foot peaks of the Mission Mountains, the Mission Valley boasts one of the highest densities of wintering birds of prey in the northwestern United States. Spend four days learning to differentiate the sexes, age classes, and color morphs of Bald and Golden eagles, and Rough-legged and Red-tailed hawks. Five species of falcons are possible, including Gyr. The valley is also home to at least nine species of wintering owls, and with some luck we could see a few species. We will drive at a leisurely pace and step out in order to identify and observe these birds of prey.

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION and CMR WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTANA:

Dates TBA, May 2002 and September 2002

Located in North-Central Montana, the Fort Belknap Reservation and surrounding areas offer an incredible range of wildlife that has carried great significance to the culture of the Gros Ventres and Assiniboine tribes.

Our eight-day journey through the plains, river breaks, mountains, and marshes will offer an historical perspective to the wildlife of the reservation, the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, and the Missouri River. We should see Bison, Pronghorn, Mule Deer, Black-tailed Prairie Dog, and perhaps Coyote and Badger.

With lots of luck, Black-footed Ferret is possible. Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Sprague's Pipit, and Mountain Plover are possible.

For more information and detailed itineraries, contact Keira Morrow at

406.644.3412, owlmontana@charlo.net



Flathead Audubon's Annual Sunflower Seed Sale

50 lb. Sack of Black Oil Sunflower Seeds -\$17
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Feed your feathered friends and support Audubon Projects too!

This is Flathead Audubon's primary fund raising project.

Proceeds support local conservation and educational programs such as:

- **Distribution of Audubon Adventures to local 5th grade classes**
 - **Book Purchase Award to local elementary schools for library books of natural history**
 - **Scholarships for environmental education**
- **Research grants for field studies of birds and bird habitat**
- **Educational materials for lectures by Audubon members to local classes and civic groups**
- **Care and upkeep of local refuges, including the new Lost Trail NWR.**

Pick Up Locations: Please note on your calendar

Call 862-8070 for more information (754-2289 for Condon)

Bigfork: IGA Parking Lot

Saturday, Oct. 13, 10am – 12 noon

Kalispell: County Fairgrounds – North Lot

Saturday, Oct. 13, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

12n Whitefish: Train Depot Parking Lot

Parking Lot

Saturday, Oct. 13, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Condon: Call June Ash, 754-2289

for arrangements

Columbia Falls: Glacier Bank

Saturday, Oct. 13, 10am –

Polson: Super 1 Foods

Sunday Oct. 14, 12 – 2pm

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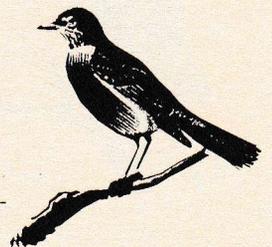
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The Flathead Audubon Society is affiliated with the National Audubon Society and meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and includes a featured guest who will present a conservation 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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