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It's not too late to reserve a place at the Gala! See insert.

Support GSLA *and* your backyard birds: Buy birdseed

As a fundraiser, Great Salt Lake Audubon is once again offering 50-pound bags of birdseed for a contribution of \$20 per bag.

Sandy Bassett has generously agreed to coordinate this project for the fourth year in a row. Proceeds will help support GSLA, and the seeds will help support your backyard birds.

Please fill out the mail-order form on page 7 and mail it, along with your check, ASAP. *Sandy must receive all orders and payments no later than Oct. 28.*

Birdseed will be available for pickup on Saturday, Nov. 4. For details about time and place and for more information, see page 7.



GSLA's October general meeting will feature part two of Jim McIntyre's photo safari in East Africa.

Ice Cream Social Kicks Off Monthly Meetings

After a summer hiatus, Great Salt Lake Audubon will launch the 2006-2007 series of monthly membership meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 19, with an ice cream social.

GSLA members are invited to the Sugar House Garden Center, 1650 E. 2100 South, at 6:30 p.m. to indulge in a big dish of ice cream and luscious toppings and to get acquainted or reacquainted with fellow bird enthusiasts.

At 7 p.m., HawkWatch International research assistant Adam Hutchins will give a lively talk about recent raptor nest surveys. "He's fresh off completing a five-year project," reports GSLA Program

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Sincere Thanks

Carol Withrow and family and Great Salt Lake Audubon would like to thank the following people who donated to the GSLA Memorial Endowment Fund in memory of Dean Withrow:

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Looking for something to do? You'll find plenty at GSLA



By Nathan Darnall, *GSLA President*

I can't believe summer is over, school's started, and fall migration is in full swing. As I reflect on the past summer, it was quite busy, and that may be why it has passed with blinding speed. Yet when I look ahead to Fall, Great Salt Lake Audubon has a ton of events and activities scheduled.

First, I encourage you to take a look at the field trips starting on the next page. There are one or two field trips planned every week, which I think is phenomenal. But don't just look. I also encourage you to come birding with us and see a few *Turdus migratorius* and other species.

(Note: If you can identify the common name of *T. migratorius* and tell me what turdiform means, I'll put your name in a drawing to win one free ticket to the upcoming gala. Just send a postcard with the answers to GSLA, P. O. Box 520867, Salt Lake City, UT 84152-0867. Include your name and a way for me to contact you.)

This issue's calendar includes many good adventures, but I'd like to highlight several in particular. On Oct. 7, we check the bluebird nest boxes near Strawberry Reservoir — an outing you won't want to miss.

Our fifth annual gala on Sept. 23 is another special event you will not want to miss. Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon will be our featured speaker, emphasizing the need for open space. Plus you never know who else might be with us. The event includes a gourmet meal and opportunities to bid on wonderful items in the silent auction. Reserve your tickets now online (www.greatsaltlakeaudubon.org) or by using the reservation form included with the newsletter.

The annual sunflower seed sale is also coming up. These are locally grown seeds of very good quality.

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September/October Calendar and Field Trips

By Sylvia Gray, Field Trip Coordinator

Field trips are a wonderful way to meet new people and enjoy the great variety of species and diversity of habitats along the Wasatch Front.

Beginning birders and new members are especially welcome.

We encourage carpooling on all our field trips. The recommended contribution to the driver towards gas is \$3 per person when the round trip is less than 40 miles and \$5 per person for longer trips.

NOTE: *Be sure to call the field trip leader to confirm that arrangements are still as published. Expect field trips to leave on time, and arrive 5-10 minutes early to arrange carpools.*

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 a.m.

**MOUNTAIN DELL RECREATION AREA,
PARLEY'S CANYON**

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Join us for our monthly bird survey. Since we began this survey we have seen more than 100 species.

We'll meet by 7:30 a.m. in the southeast corner of the ShopKo parking lot in Sugarhouse *or* at 7:45 a.m. at the Mountain Dell clubhouse for a morning of birding. Call Jack (255-7989) or Sylvia (532-3486) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 7 a.m.

WILLARD BAY STATE PARK

Leader: Kathy Coleman

This is a good time of year to see migrating warblers. Please bring a state park pass if you have one or money to help with the cost of the entrance fee. We will return to Salt Lake City by early afternoon.

Meet at the southeast corner of the Sugar House ShopKo parking lot in time for a 7 a.m. departure. Call Kathy Coleman (944-5773) if you plan on joining us.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

All GSLA members are invited to the Sugar House Garden Center, 1650 E. 2100 South, for an ice cream social, followed at 7 p.m. by HawkWatch International research assistant Adam Hutchins' presentation about raptor nest surveys and nestling IDs. Meet several live raptors, courtesy of HawkWatch.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

HOTSPOTS

Leader: Bob Huntington

Call Bob (595-8748) to find out where he plans to be birding today. You won't want to miss it.

Saturday, Sept. 23

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER
AND SILENT AUCTION.**

See the insert for information and to make reservations.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.

FARMINGTON BAY AND NEARBY AREA

Leaders: Bob Huntington and Deedee O'Brien

Join us for our monthly half-day visit to Farmington Bay. Meet inside the McDonald's just north of the Centerville exit, #319, from I-15 at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and camaraderie or at 8 a.m. to head out. Bring your own water and snacks. Call Deedee (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Sept. 30

**HAWKWATCH GOSHUTE MOUNTAIN
RESEARCH SITE**

Leaders: Allene and Charles Keller

This trip is scheduled to take full advantage of the fall raptor migration. Last fall, we saw close to 100 raptors fly over the ridge. It is quite a sight. The drive to the trailhead, about 35 miles south of Wendover, is approximately three hours from Salt Lake City. The hike is 3.5 miles, with an 1,800-foot

elevation gain, and may take two to three hours, depending on your physical condition and any birding you do along the way.

This will be an all-day trip. Weather conditions can be variable, so plan accordingly. Suggested items: hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, wind shell, warm clothes, gloves, binoculars, camera, food and plenty of water. There is no water source.

We will meet early Saturday morning in Wendover, weather permitting.

There are several ways to participate in this trip. You can overnight in Wendover, either camping or staying in a motel before or afterwards, or you can make it a one-day trip. For more information, visit the Hawkwatch Web site, www.hawkwatch.org.

Be sure to call Allene, (801) 467-3960, if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.

**MOUNTAIN DELL RECREATION AREA,
PARLEY'S CANYON**

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Join us for our monthly bird survey. Meet by 8 a.m. at the southeast corner of the ShopKo parking lot in Sugar House to carpool or at 8:15 a.m. at the Mountain Dell clubhouse for a morning of birding. Call Jack (255-7989) or Sylvia (532-3486) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.

CLEANING BLUEBIRD BOXES

Leaders: Jeanne LeBer and Ray Smith

Meet at the southeast corner of the ShopKo parking lot in Sugar House by 8 a.m. or at the visitor center in Strawberry Valley by 9:30 a.m.

This is our fall trip to clean our nesting boxes in Strawberry Valley, an essential part of preparing the boxes for reuse by the birds in the spring. Bring gloves and lunch. GSLA will provide drinks. Dress for possible cool weather. Call Jeanne or Ray, (801) 532-7384 for details.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 8 a.m.

HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

Leader: Nathan Darnall

Volunteers are needed to help remove Russian olive at Audubon's conservation easement in Riverton. Boots, gloves, hat, sunscreen, long-sleeve

Join Audubon Council Retreat

GSLA members are invited to an Audubon Council of Utah retreat Friday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Stokes Nature Center (SNC) in Logan Canyon. Bridgerland Audubon Society will host the retreat.

The free program includes birding, reports by other Utah Audubon groups and discussions about what positions to take on national and state issues and policies. Lynn Tennefoss, National Audubon Society vice president for state programs and chapter services, will be speaking informally Saturday evening.

Participants can stay in the homes of Bridgerland Audubon members, Logan-area motels or Logan Canyon campgrounds.

For more information or to make reservations, e-mail organizer Jack Greene, jackisgreene@yahoo.com or call him, (435) 563-6816.

shirt, water and snacks are all highly recommended. Meet at the Sandy REI, 230 W. 10600 South, by 8 a.m. If you plan to attend or would like more information, call Nathan, 755-4480.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jim McIntyre will present part two about his photo safari to East Africa at the Sugar House Garden Center, 1650 E. 2100 South. See page 6 for details.

**Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m., to bird or 10 a.m. to bag
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY or BAG AND BIRD**

Leaders: Neal Anderson and June Ryburn

Come help with our community service project and enjoy some birding as well.

Meet at the parking lot at the entrance to Memory Grove, by the locked gate, by 8 a.m. for some early morning birding. We will walk up City Creek Canyon, then come back to meet others to bag around 10 a.m., walking East Bountiful Road and West Bountiful Road to pick up trash. We'll bird back down to Memory Grove around noon. Plastic bags will be provided. Bring work gloves and a lunch; we'll eat at one of the picnic tables.

We expect to be back to our cars around 1 p.m. (We may do a surprise hot dog roast, but more on that later.) Call Neal (322-0708) or June (576-0103) if you plan to join us for the birding, bagging or both.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.

FARMINGTON BAY AND NEARBY AREA

Leaders: Bob Huntington and Deedee O'Brien

Join us for our monthly half-day visit to Farmington Bay. Meet inside the McDonald's just north of the Centerville exit, #319, from I-15 at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and camaraderie or at 8 a.m. to head out. Bring your own water and snacks. Call Deedee O'Brien, (801) 272-8060, if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 7:15 a.m.

ANTELOPE ISLAND CAUSEWAY AND GARR RANCH

Leader: Jim Bailey

Our destination is Davis County, most likely for birding at Garr Ranch on Antelope Island and along the causeway. We may make a stop at Kay's Creek if people are interested in wood ducks, exotic waterfowl or crows.

We'll meet by 7:15 a.m. on the southeast corner of the ShopKo parking lot in Sugar House to car-pool. We should be back to ShopKo by 12:30, so no need to pack a lunch unless you wish, but certainly snacks and water. Bring a state park pass if you have one. Call Jim (274-8034) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, Nov. 4

SUNFLOWER SEED PICK-UP DAY

See page 7 for details and an order form.

**Wanted: Volunteer Editor
for *The Pelican***

Great Salt Lake Audubon needs someone to edit and paginate this bi-monthly newsletter, starting with the November-December issue. Please contact Nathan Darnall by phone, 755-4480, or e-mail, cnathan2bird@msn.com, if you're interested or would like more information.

July and August Board Highlights

By Arne Hultquist, GSLA Secretary

In response to the president's request for collaborative funding ideas, the board favored three proposals: supplemental eagle nests at Farmington Bay Wildlife Management Area, a project at Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge, and signs and a support building for the conservation easement.

Two major initiatives have been approved by the board. First, the board voted in July to fund a financial audit, which will allow us to fulfill all the requirements of the Utah Nonprofits Association and, more importantly, apply for grants from larger philanthropic organizations.

Second, after some vigorous discussion, the board adopted a conservation policy resolution. The policy will guide GSLA and anyone representing GSLA when making public comments on a conservation matter. It will be available on-line for our members to review. Please remember it is a living document, which can change with our changing conservation issues. To comment on the policy or get involved in conservation issues, please contact a board member.

Welcome, New Members

By Vivian Schneggenburger, Membership

Thanks to all who have recently joined GSLA. We hope you will all become active members, and we certainly look forward to meeting you at the general meetings, field trips, service projects and other events promoted in *The Pelican* and online at www.greatsaltlakeaudubon.org.

New members joining or transferring through National Audubon: Larry Briggs, Geannah Bush, Miriam Cohen, Ann David, Mary Divver, Linda Fontenot, E. Gulbranson, Angela Hernandez, Floyd A. Johnson, Ellen Lambert, Bob McCall, Julie Menna, Renate Pahnke, Marla Ramey, Matthew A. Riddle, Eleanor Stewart, Edith Toussaint, Debbie Varney.

New and renewing local members: Dan and Sheila Barnett, Thom Benedict, Darwin C. Eggli, Bob Huntington, Melinda McIlwaine, Ralph and Renate Pahnke, Jacqueline Ralph, Mary F. Schofield, LaVon Thomas.

Member meetings resume

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Chair Jen Hajj, “so he’ll talk about what it was like and what he discovered.”

Jen, who also presents educational programs statewide for HawkWatch, will bring live birds to the meeting, giving everyone a chance to see some of these regal creatures up close.

In October: On Tuesday, Oct. 17, Jim McIntyre will present part two of “Out of Africa,” relating his experiences in East Africa in 2003.

Picking up where he left off in May, Jim will show photos he took of African birds and mammals and talk about their natural history.

“It is my hope that my pictures will enable people to see wild creatures in ways they may not have seen them before,” he writes, “and that this new vision will lead to an increased awareness and understanding of their natural lives and the threats to their survival.”



Learn more about exotic birds such as this at the October 17 general membership meeting.

About the speakers

Adam Hutchins: A liberal arts graduate with an emphasis on natural history and land use from Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash., Adam’s considerable experience includes working with Arizona’s resident bald eagles and the California condor recovery program. He has cared for birds of prey at the Icarus rehabilitation facility in Sedona, Ariz., and helped study forest passerine breeding success in experimental fire treatments.

Adam has also observed migrations for HawkWatch International at Diamond Head, Wash., and at the Grand Canyon. In 2002, he worked on the Northwest Utah Nest Survey (NUNS).

Dr. James McIntyre: Following a professional scientific career, Jim returned to one of his favorite early pursuits, nature and wildlife photography.

He has studied with several renowned wildlife photographers, including Joe and Mary Ann McDonald, Arthur Morris and E.J. Peiker, and has studied fine-art printing at the Salt Lake Art Center. Several of his photographs have won awards at both state and national levels. You can view some of his pictures at <http://JamesMcIntyre.naturescapes.net>.

Jim is also a volunteer naturalist for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

President’s Message

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Not only do you receive the pleasure of feeding birds, but by purchasing these seeds, you are also supporting GSLA.

If you’d like to do something positive — on the ground — consider the Oct. 14 habitat improvement project on the conservation easement; and the Oct. 21 Adopt-A-Highway service project, when we’ll combine birding with bagging trash along City Creek Canyon.

Don’t forget our monthly general meetings, which are always interesting and which, this month, include an ice cream social.

This barely scratches the surface of all that’s happening. You’ll find much more within these pages and on the Web site.

Finally, I’d like to express a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who give their time and energies to make all these things happen.

Like summer, this fall may fly by. I wonder what winter has in store. . .

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2944 E. Willow Creek Dr.
Sandy, UT 84093.**

Questions?
Call (801) 943-7473.

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for future reference.

PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Seeds will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 4, at three locations and times. Indicate your preferred pick-up location on the order form below.

- **Sandy:** South Towne Mall parking lot west of Dillard's and south of REI at the large lighted sign, 10 a.m. until noon.
- **Salt Lake City:** Central Office Plaza office, 2880 S. Main St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Bountiful:** the Bountiful City parking lot just west of City Hall, 805 S. Main St., 1 to 2 p.m.

Note: If you cannot pick-up your order on November 4, please make arrangements for someone else do so.

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Last Name _____ First _____

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Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

I would like _____ bags of sunflower seeds at \$20.00 per bag. My check in the amount of \$ _____, payable to Great Salt Lake Audubon, is enclosed.

I will pick up my sunflower seeds at (check one):

- ___ Bountiful City Office parking lot
- ___ 2880 S. Main St., Salt Lake City
- ___ The South Towne Mall parking lot, Sandy

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