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COMING HIGHLIGHTS See inside/Calender for details

- Sept. 7-9 - UOS Fall Conference
- Sept. 18 - General meeting
- Sept. 23 - Jordanelle Wetlands
- **Sept. 27 - Annual Gala****
- Sept. 29 - Hawkwatch Goshute Mountain research site
- Oct. 3-4 - Salt Lake Countywide Water Symposium
- Oct. 6 - Bluebird nestbox check
- Oct. 6,7 - Audubon Council retreat
- Oct. 13 - Family Birding at Farmington Bay
- Nov. 13-18 - 20th Annual Festival of the Cranes, Bosque Del Apache NWR, NM

General Meetings Resume in September

By Jennifer Hajj

It's that time again and we've scheduled some interesting programs for you. Our mission is to protect and enhance habitat for wild birds, animals and plants, and to maintain healthy ecosystems for wildlife and people. Our general meetings feature guest speakers who can give you ideas on how to personally embrace this mission in your day-to-day life.

GSLA programs are held at the Sugarhouse Garden Center, NE corner of Sugarhouse Park (enter from 2100 South, just west of Highland High.) Doors open at 6:45 pm and the programs run from 7:00 to approximately 8:00 pm. We'll have refreshments, it's FREE, and open to everyone!!

So mark your calendars! General meetings are on the third Tuesday in every month from September through May (excluding December). We'd love to see you there.

September 18 Wildlife SOS: Saving India's Wildlife Speaker: Nikki Sharp

Learn about Wildlife SOS, an organization that is working to conserve Sloth Bears and other wildlife in India. Sloth bears have long been taken from the wild as a source of income: poached for parts, bear dancing, and other uses. Wildlife SOS was first established in India to eliminate the taking of native bears for the "dancing bear trade," a problem that has existed for centuries.



Wildlife SOS has established 3 sanctuaries for rescued bears and is actively involved in anti-poaching operations, vocational training, and land purchase programs.

Other Wildlife SOS programs include bird and (cont. page 6)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Oct. 20th at sunflower seed pick up sites. Contact Sandy Bassett @ 943-7473/ 243-6062.

Finance committee or GSLA board to help implement audit recommendations. Contact Nathan Darnall @ 755-4480.

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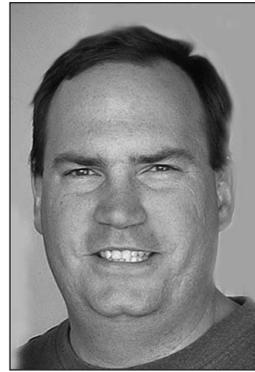
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Nathan Darnall, GSLA President

If you feel like you're always in a hurry or constantly on the go, let me assure you that you are not alone. Today, people are busier than ever. In part this is due to the lifestyle that we choose to live. For instance, Utahns are generally more

mobile than most folks in the world (because of the automobile). But while this mobility allows us to do more (e.g., take the kids to little league, go shopping, or volunteer), it also takes time from us. After all it takes time to drive there and back, and it takes time to maintain the vehicle and we need to work (time again) in order to pay for everything, so there's a lot of time involved in being able to just do stuff.

Now I'm not going to urge you to get rid of your vehicle or encourage you to quit your job, but I am going to recommend you occasionally slow down and observe. Yes, observe. Last month I had the opportunity to sit quietly for several hours in a parking lot while I waited for a ride. Thankfully, I was in a small town in the mountains of Colorado with beautiful vistas all around, but still, I wasn't going anywhere. At first, I wrote in my journal, organized and repacked my gear, and found other ways to keep myself occupied, but eventually I slowed down. That's when I noticed the birds flying around: the hummingbirds chasing each other, the adult magpies keeping careful watch over their young, and the song sparrow flying back and forth across the parking lot.

I might have noticed these birds under "normal" circumstances, but I would probably have made a list and kept on going. I also might have missed the behaviors of the birds, and that's where a lot of the fun is in birding (and nature observation). Observing is, I contend, different than seeing. So the next time you're birding or when you have some down time, take a look around and observe. You might find it useful to take a few notes or even try sketching a bird that you see. I guarantee that by doing so, the experience will be more memorable and it's likely that you'll become a better birder.

2007 July and August Board Meeting Highlights - By Arne Hultquist

The July Board meeting and potluck was hosted by Kathy and Bruce Waddell. The Board appreciated their hospitality. The agenda was minimized so there would be ample time for the Board to visit the Jordan River restoration site. During the meeting the Board decided to nominate Nathan Darnall for the Pfeifferhorn conservation award which is sponsored by several environmental organizations. The board also approved acquisition of 100 copies of Utah Birds from the Museum of Natural History. After the short meeting, the Board toured the restoration site and was impressed with the size of the project and the accomplishments of Keith Johnson and the other volunteers.

The board spent considerable time in August discussing the results of our financial audit. The auditor believes our accounting system to be free of fraud, but did have three specific suggestions for improvements to our system. The Board members supported his suggestions, but it will be difficult to implement them as they would require more volunteer time. We are still looking for a few good people to help with the finance committee or be on the Board, and if you could find the time to volunteer we would appreciate the opportunity to consider you! Conservation efforts by the Board this month included an appeal of DNR's decision to allow new leases for GSL Minerals, supporting SUWA's Red Rock Wilderness letter, and procuring a speaking position at the Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium to discuss Jordan River habitat restoration efforts.

20th Annual Festival of the Cranes, Bosque Del Apache NWR, New Mexico, November 13-18, 2007

In past years, birders from Utah have enjoyed our festivities. www.friendsofthebosque.org/crane
505.835.2077 505.838.2959 (Fax)
P.O. Box 340, San Antonio, NM 87832
Edie Steinhoff
esteinhoff@admin.nmt.edu

Fish Springs NWR Issue

By Jay Banta, Fish Springs NWR

With the recent deluge of rare birds here, I have had repeated problems with birders who are entering the housing area, which is not open to the public without asking permission. Some of these folks are new to the Refuge and may not be aware, but some are birders who have been here before and are simply abusing the rules. We generally grant birders permission to bird in the housing area but they must ask in advance after arriving. If it is on a weekend or after hours when the office is not open, they must send a representative down and knock on housing doors until they find someone to ask. On the rare occasion that no one is there to grant permission, they may not bird the housing area. I think any of the birders who know me well will agree that I tend to be very generous in granting access to those who ask. However, this recent spate of less than favorable trespass by birders causes me to reconsider. Make sure all of your birders know and don't ruin a good thing for everyone. You won't find this degree of access at many Refuge or National Parks.

Utah Ornithological Society Fall Conference, Sept. 7-9

Schedule, registration information at:
www.utahbirds.org/uos/uos_conference2007.htm

All birders are invited! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you!
Betsy Beneke, President UOS
Outdoor Recreation Planner
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
2155 West Forest Street
Brigham City, UT 84302
435.734.6436 - office
435.452.8468 - cell
<http://bearriver.fws.gov>.

DON'T FORGET!!!!
Thursday, September 27th
ANNUAL GALA and SILENT AUCTION

Calendar of Events including Field Trips for September/October 2007

Great Salt Lake Audubon, www.greatsaltlakeaudubon.org

Beginning birders are always welcome. We encourage carpooling on our field trips. Contributions towards gas money are appreciated. For local trips, under 40 miles round trip, we suggest \$3 per person and for round trips over 40 miles \$5 per person. Be sure to call the field trip leader to confirm that arrangements are still as published.

Wednesday, September 5th, 7:30 AM **MOUNTAIN DELL RECREATION AREA,** **PARLEY'S CANYON**

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Come and join us for our monthly bird survey. Since we began this survey we have seen over 100 species. We'll meet by 7:30 AM in the SE corner of the Shopko parking lot in Sugarhouse OR 7:45 AM at the Clubhouse at Mountain Dell for a morning of birding. Call Jack (255-7989) or Sylvia (532-3486) if you plan to attend.

Sept. 7-9, Provo, Utah **UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **CONFERENCE (see page 3)**

Tuesday, September 18th, 7 PM **GENERAL MEETING (see page 1)**

Sunday, September 23rd, 7:30AM **JORDANELLE WETLANDS**

Leader: John Middleton

Jordanelle Wetlands is always a favorite place to bird. We will be walking along the Provo River below the dam. Join us for a morning of birding. Meet at 7:30 AM at the SE corner of the Sugar House Shopko parking lot. Bring water and a snack. Call John (322-2171) if you plan on attending or have any questions.

Wednesday, September 26th, 8 AM **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 AM for breakfast and camaraderie or 8 AM to head out. Bring

your own water and snacks. Call Deedee O'Brien (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

Thursday, September 27th, 6 PM - 9 PM **ANNUAL GALA and SILENT AUCTION** **The Gathering Place at Gardner Village** **See GSLA website for more information!**

"Our Birds: Linking Communities across the Americas"
With Guest Speaker, Don Paul

Please reserve your tickets now!
See GSLA website for more information.

Saturday, September 29th **HAWKWATCH GOSHUTE MOUNTAIN** **RESEARCH SITE**

Leaders: Allene and Charles Keller

This trip is scheduled to take full advantage of the FALL RAPTOR MIGRATION. The site is about 35 miles south of Wendover. Last year close to 100 raptors flew over the ridge. The drive to the trailhead is 3 hours from Salt Lake City. From the trailhead, the hike is 3.5 miles with an 1800 foot elevation gain. The hike may take 2 to 3 hours, depending on your fitness level and birding along the way. There is no water so bring your own. This will be an all day trip. Weather conditions can be variable, so please plan accordingly. Suggested items: hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, windshell, warm clothes, gloves, binoculars, camera, food, & plenty of water. We will meet early Saturday morning in Wendover, weather permitting. There are several ways to do this trip. You can overnight in Wendover either camping or motelling before or afterwards, or you can make it a one day trip. For more info. visit the Hawkwatch Website at: <http://www.hawkwatch.org>.

The group size is LIMITED so be sure to call Allene at (801) 467-3960 for details and to sign up.

Wednesday, October 3rd, 8 AM
MOUNTAIN DELL RECREATION AREA,
PARLEY'S CANYON

Leader: Jack Clark

Come and join us for our monthly bird survey. We'll meet by 8 AM in the SE corner of the Shopko parking lot in Sugarhouse OR 8:15 AM at the Clubhouse at Mountain Dell for a morning of birding. Call Jack (255-7989) if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, October 3-4 (see page 6)
Salt Lake Countywide Water Symposium

Saturday, October 6th, 8 AM
BLUEBIRD NESTBOX CHECK

Leaders: Jeanne LeBer and Ray Smith

Meet at the SE corner of the Shopko parking lot in Sugarhouse by 8:00 AM, or at the Visitor Center in Strawberry Valley by 9:30 AM. 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 at 801-532-7384.

Saturday, October 13th, 8:30-11:00 AM
FAMILY BIRDING AT FARMINGTON BAY
1860 N. 1000 W., Layton, UT
www.wildbird.com/layton

Leader: Deedee O'Brien and GSLA

Is there a child in your family that harbors an interest in birds? Or, have you thought of adding bird watching to your list of family activities? This Saturday morning will be an opportunity to give it a try in a quiet marsh area with several open ponds and likelihood of seeing raptors, herons, coots, grebes, gulls and a good variety of ducks. We'll spend most of our time behind the gate in the area by The Farmington Bay Learning Center, but time permitting will also check out the ponds and uplands in the main public area as well. Meet at the McDonald's in Centerville at 8:30 AM or the SE corner of ShopKo parking lot in Sugarhouse at 7:30 AM. Call Deedee (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

October 13th, 10 AM -7 PM
Wild Bird Center (Layton) 6th Anniversary -
Bill Fenimore, Proprietor

We plan to make it a big day with a very large

crowd of enthusiastic bird lovers attending. Past celebrations have been memorable with Chitters, Des Te Ta and other raptors from the Ogden Nature Center and HawkWatch on display.
1860 N. 1000 E. Layton, UT
www.wildbird.com/layton.

Tuesday, October 16th, 7 PM
GSLA GENERAL MEETING (see page 6)

Wednesday October 17th, 8 AM
JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY

Leader: Bob Huntington

The Jordan River Parkway between 4800 South and 5400 South will be our destination. Bob says this is a good time of the year to see a variety of birds along the parkway. Meet at 8 AM in the parking lot on the south side of 4800 South and the Jordan River Parkway. Call Bob Huntington 595-8748 if you have any questions.

Saturday, October 20th
PICK UP SUNFLOWER SEEDS!!!

Sunday, October 21st, 8 AM - 3 PM
LAKEFRONT BIRDING, Antelope Island
Causeway and Willard Bay

Leader: Tim Avery

This is a good time for exciting waterbirds to show up in Utah. We'll be on the lookout for such species as Red Phalarope, Bonaparte's and Sabine's Gulls, Surf Scoters, and perhaps some late migrating shorebirds. Meet at 8 AM in the SE corner of the ShopKo parking lot in Sugarhouse.

We'll go to the Causeway first and plan on eating lunch at Willard Bay. Bring lunch and water or plan to buy at a stop en route. Call Tim at 801-440-3035 if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, October 31st, 8 AM
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 AM for breakfast and camaraderie or 8 AM to head out. Bring your own water and snacks. Call Deedee O'Brien (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

reptile rescue in India, moon bear protection in the Northern Himalayas, and leopard conservation in Mumbai. The volunteer-run USA branch of Wildlife SOS, based in Utah, was formed to support the efforts in India. (Live bears and birds are not a part of this presentation.)



October 16 - What it means to Drive Green

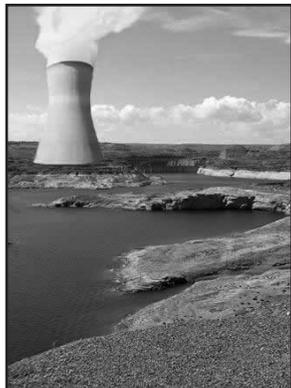
Panel discussion

If you are considering the task of lowering your carbon footprint, you'll want to join our panel of alternative transportation experts as they talk about hybrid technology, electric vehicles, bio-diesel and renewable energy. Panelists include: Brent Singleton, Presidential Environmental Youth Award winner and EPA's corporate level Clean Air Excellence Award; Andre Shoumatoff, president of the Utah Bio-diesel Cooperative; Jon Schlee, owner of EcoMoto, a green retailer.

November 20 -- HEAL Utah

Speaker: John Urgo

How should Utah's open spaces, deserts, and wilderness be used? HEAL has long worked on nuclear and toxic waste issues in Utah, including watchdogging nuclear waste disposal and chemical weapon incineration, preventing a resumption of nuclear weapons testing (with the particular focus being Divine Strake) and promoting safe, sustainable energy policies for Utah. Find out more about HEAL Utah and their efforts to involve citizens in the democratic process regarding one of the largest environmental sacrifice zones in the nation.



AUDUBON COUNCIL RETREAT

October 6th, 7th in Vernal at the Ouray NWR. This is the fall meeting of the four Utah Audubon chapters for birding, potluck, guest speakers, workshops and business. **Open to all.** Visit our website for more information or call Nathan at 755-4480.

MEMBERSHIP

by Vivian Schneggenburger and Heather Dove

Thanks to all who have recently joined GSLA. We hope that you will become an active member and join us at our General Meetings and on our field trips. We look forward to meeting you.

New members joining, renewing or transferring through National Audubon: Lamoyne Beachler, William E. Bowen, Jr., Diane Forster Burke, Robert Durrant, Frank Brennan, Brent Goodfellow, Alfred J. Grayzel, Andrew James, Shirley Johnson, Marilla Magill, Maria Maloney, Wayne Martinson, Robert L. McKellar, Apache McLean, Valyrie Nibley, Alice Peterson, John Phippen, Ellen Quinn Ives, Nancy Shay, Don L. Skaggs, William Smith, Linda Stewart, Kristin Tingey, Marilyn Twite, Josh Whetstone, Mary B. Williams.

New and renewing local members of GSLA:

John Houser, Stanford Layton, Patrice & Nicole Lane, Anthony Morgan, Kay Millar, Maxine Garwood, Don Kauchak & Katherine Lake.

Salt Lake County welcomes water stewards to the first annual Salt Lake Countywide Water Symposium October 3 and 4, 2007 at the SouthTowne Expo Center in Sandy.

This two-day event features panel discussions, presentations and field trips surrounding pertinent watershed stewardship and management issues. The Symposium is designed for the general public, non-profit organizations, students and those working in watershed professions. Presenters include Lynn de Freitas, Genevieve Atwood, Ted Knowlton and several others. Mayor Peter Corroon will give a keynote address at the noon hour of the opening day. It is anticipated that he will address his position on watershed planning and management. **This event is free, but registration is required.** Lunches may be purchased upon registration.

Visit www.waterresources.slco.org for full schedule. Interested parties may contact Sarah Beck for more information or to register. sabeck@slco.org or 468.2796

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I would like _____ bags of sunflower seeds at \$22.00 per bag.

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

- Centennial Parkway, Sandy
 2880 S. Main, Salt Lake City
 Bountiful City parking lot, Bountiful

Note: Our farmer has had to increase his price by \$2.00 to cover higher costs of fuel and fertilizer.

Please save this lower portion for reference.

ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID AND RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 13th.

Complete order form above, make check payable to Great Salt Lake Audubon and mail to:

Great Salt Lake Audubon
c/o Govert L. (Sandy) Bassett
2944 E. Willow Creek Dr.
Sandy, UT 84093

Any questions? - Call Sandy at 943-7473 or 243-6062.

DELIVERY DATE IS SATURDAY, OCT.20th AT THREE LOCATIONS

In Sandy - from 10 AM until noon at the south end of the Centennial Parkway just west of the Sport's Authority store.

In Salt Lake City - from 10 AM until 2 PM at Central Office Plaza, 2880 S. Main St.

In Bountiful - from 1 PM to 2 PM only at the Bountiful City parking lot just west of City Hall, 805 S. Main St.

If you cannot pick up or take delivery of your sunflower seeds on October 20th, please make arrangements with someone else to do so for you.

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If an e-mail is provided, look forward to receiving electronic updates on classes and field trips offered by our chapter. We will not share your information with other organizations.

Thank You for Supporting GSLA!

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Please enroll me as a member of National Audubon Society. Please send Audubon Magazine and my membership card to the address below.

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_____ My check for \$35.00 is enclosed for membership renewal.

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