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GENERAL MEETINGS

All programs are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September through May, excluding December. They take place at the Sugarhouse Garden center at NE corner of Sugarhouse Park (enter from 2100 South, just west of Highland High). Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments and socializing, and program begins at 7:00 PM, with announcements, and then the speaker will begin shortly afterwards. So mark your calendars for these free, educational events! We'd love to see you at the next General Meeting.

March 16 - J.D. Davis is Director of Development/Communication for Utah Wildlife in Need (UWIN), a position he has held for the last year. He has over 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Prior to joining UWIN, he served for seven years as Executive Director of Foundation/Corporation Programs and five years as Major Gift Officer at the U of U.

UWIN's mission is to support research, education and conservation projects for threatened native Utah wildlife. For 2010, UWIN is focusing resources on four projects. They are: 1) reintroducing Northern River Otters in the Provo River, 2) studying the effects of tall nesting structures to help Ferruginous Hawk populations, 3) reducing lead poisoning in condors and, 4) education programs at the Great Salt Lake Nature Center.

For our program J.D. will talk about the new 1.3 mile section of trail at the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. The trail is the Nature Center's outdoor classroom that will teach all about the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Also, two new observation blinds will provide wonderful viewing and photography opportunities for visitors. In addition, J.D. will provide updates on UWIN's Ferruginous Hawk project and efforts to eradicate lead poisoning in condors.

April 20, Hummingbirds of British Columbia

In May of 2009 Richard Pick had the opportunity to photograph hummingbirds in British Columbia just north of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Three hummingbirds can be found in British Columbia: Calliope, Black-Chinned and Rufous. Come learn about identification, distribution and migration of these three hummingbirds. We will also enjoy photographs taken by Richard and learn a little about how to photograph these wonderful birds using flash and natural light.



Calliope Hummingbird in Lilac Bush
photo by Richard Pick

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Calendar pages 4,5 for details.

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Anderson Library

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jen Hajj, *GSLA President*

Dear Feathered Friends,

Just days ago, I heard a male chickadee in my tree, singing his distinctive, two-note breeding call. To me, it sounds like “yoo-hoo,” though the purpose of the call is not solely to inspire potential mates to come closer. They are also advertising to other males, staking out territory and showing them who’s boss. It is, for me, one of the signs of warmer days around the bend, though you know spring doesn’t officially start until the Turkey Vultures show up.

The Board is buzzing with activity. We have, after a long time of working on the Jordan River Restoration Project, finally decided to give it a name which speaks to our vision of what the site will be. It is the Jordan River Wildlife Refuge, and we’re excited about new developments for the project, including the pending receipt of funds to complete the restoration, our partnership with DWR to use Dedicated Hunters to help with big projects, and our continued relationship with Tree Utah.

Our new publicity chair, Jeff Bilsky, has great ideas about new programs that should be fun, educational, and family friendly. Keep your eyes open for information on our new book club, movie nights, and other interesting events. And of course, there are always the field trips. Be sure to look at where we are going, and if you can make time to join us, we’ll be glad to see you, and you’ll be glad you came!

Take Care,

Jen

RETIREMENT EVENT FOR JAY BANTA

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement event being held for Jay Banta at the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. Join our celebration of Jay’s 30 years of government service and 19 years as refuge manager at Fish Springs. Please provide confirmation if you will be attending. Also, if you’d like to contribute to a group gift, I can provide you all the details.

Announcement is repeated on page 4 with contact information.



GSLA thanks the voters of Salt Lake County for their support of the Zoo, Arts & Parks program.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010

By Jen Hajj

Several new board nominees attended the last two board meetings, and we hope to be adding new board members in the near future.

Bruce has started work on a fundraising plan for the Jordan River Wildlife Refuge. Sara Viridin, our new intern, has been helpful in identifying funding resources.

Tara has been very effective in getting additional help to do restoration at the Jordan River Wildlife Refuge. She has paved the way for Dedicated Hunters to help, and has also talked with experts about weeds in preparation for weed removal in the Spring. The cooperative agreement is progressing, and we hope that USFWS will make funds available soon.

We have a new policy advocate, Steve Erickson. We are impressed with his enthusiasm. Please go to page 7 for more details in the Audubon Council Report.

Janice Huebner offered to take the Conservation Committee Chair position. She can be reached at janicehuebner@hotmail.com.

Keith Johnson announced the dates and location for the upcoming Basin and Range Weekend Seminar. It will be the weekend of June 5-6 at Oak Creek Campground.

Biography for Janice Huebner

I recently relocated back to the Salt Lake area after receiving my Master's degree in Ecology and Environmental Science from the University of Maine. As an avid skier and bird enthusiast, I am really excited to be back in Utah; this state provides amazing opportunities for both activities.

My background has provided me with great experiences working in the natural resources field. I have worked with many bird species both here in Utah and around the country including ferruginous hawks, southwestern willow flycatchers, marbled murrelets, wild turkeys, northern goshawks, and common eiders.

I am looking forward to participating on the GSLA Conservation Committee and I hope my efforts are able to serve the organization and meet their conservation goals. I am also eager to meet new people in the birding and conservation community.

BRUCE'S BLOG: ECO-TOURISM

By Bruce Heath

Eco-tourism offers alternative jobs and income for the children of subsistence-level farmers in developing countries whose burgeoning populations results in destroying habitat to expand food production. An international movement to develop economically self-sustaining schools to provide formal and practical education for these students is spearheaded by the Teach-A-Man To Fish Foundation in Britain. (<http://www.teachamantofish.org.uk>).

Flying over the upper Amazon jungle of Ecuador, you can see the encroachment of farming and clear-cutting eating into the habitat. A 3-hour trip by motorized canoe up the tributary Napo River brings you to Yachana Lodge. Isolated, modern and clean, it caters to Eco Tourists, nature lovers willing to pay to enjoy walks thru pristine jungle, spectacular birding, poisonous frogs, and quiet evenings on the deck watching the setting sun.

Income from the tourists supports the lodge's private high school, where indigenous students study English, computers, agriculture, ecology, and tourist industry skills while working in the lodge, on the farm, making marketable crafts, and doing environmental research. Upon graduation, they will have careers in the growing eco-tourist industry (perhaps as guides in the Galapagos), become entrepreneurs, or bring sustainable practices and income generation to the family farm. (http://www.yachana.com/our_lodge.php). And, yes, my guide Abel did show me the amazing, prehistoric looking Hoatzin!

San Blas, Mexico. Vibrant during the 5th Annual International Migratory Bird Festival. One of three shorebird migration Linking Communities, along with Salt Lake City and Chaplin Lakes, Saskatchewan. The GSL Bird Festival in May will be the second one, with one in Canada later in the year. (http://www.utahlinking.org/newsletter/docs/2007_summer.pdf) Great speeches by dignitaries about the need to preserve habitat and promote eco-tourism; lots of evening entertainment in the plaza with an audience of several hundred. Local university environmental studies students. Teacher exchanges. Guided birding trips, whale-watching, mangroves, crocodiles, coatimundi.

Just as Park City moved from relying on mining to the tourist ski industry, San Blas wants to move economically from relying on fishing to eco-tourism. They have lots of wintering species which nest on the GSL or pass through during migration. They also have a plethora of endemic Mexican species in a variety of habitats. I especially enjoyed watching the Citrolene Trogons and the Boat-billed Heron. My best field trip was led by erstwhile Utahn, Mark Stackhouse, who bases his Westwings Birding Tours from there. (www.westwings.com).

**WANT TO ENJOY HELPING SAVE THE
PLANET?**

BECOME AN ECO TOURIST!

Calendar of Events including Field Trips for March/April 2010

**BEGINNING BIRDERS AND NONMEMBERS ARE
ESPECIALLY WELCOME**

We encourage carpooling on our field trips. Contribution towards gas money is always appreciated. Be sure to call the field trip leader to confirm that arrangements are still as published.

******PLEASE NOTE: EXPECT FIELD TRIPS TO LEAVE
ON TIME SO ARRIVE 5-10 MINUTES EARLY TO AR-
RANGE CARPOOLS******

**Wednesday, March 3rd, 8:30AM
MOUNTAIN DELL REC., PARLEY'S CANYON**

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Come and join us for our monthly bird survey. Even in winter interesting bird can still be seen. We'll meet by 8:30AM in the parking lot just west of REI on 33rd South and 3285 East for a morning of birding. Call Jack (801-255-7989) or Sylvia (801-532-3485) if you plan to attend.

Thursday, March 4th, 7 PM

GSLA BOOK CLUB

Anderson Library @ 1135 South 2100 East

***Kingbird Highway* by Kenn Kaufman**

For More Information: Call Jeff Bilsky, 801-842-4013 or jbilsky@gmail.com or look for the flyer on the greatsaltlake-audubon.org website.

Tuesday, March 16th, 7PM

GSLA MONTHLY MEETING

Speaker J.D. Davis of UWIM

Sugarhouse Garden Center

Wednesday, March 17th 8:30AM

BIRDING IN THE FOOTHILLS OR LOCAL CANYON

Leader: Allene Keller

Just where we will go depends on the conditions. The leader will decide based on whether the trails are dry, muddy or snowy. Bring snacks and water. Call Allene at (801-467-3960) for more information and to let her know you'll be there. We'll meet by 8:30am in the parking lot just west of REI on 33rd South and 3285 East for a morning of hiking.

Saturday, March 20th, 8AM/8:30AM

JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY from 12300 SOUTH

Leader: Ed Leite

This is a delightful section of the Jordan River, so join us if you would like for a morning of birding. We'll be looking especially for Wilson's Snipe, Long-eared Owl, Marsh Wrens and Sparrows. Meet by 8AM in the South-East corner of the Sugarhouse Shopko or 8:30AM in the parking lot by the Jordan River. From I-15 take (Exit #291 -- 123rd South), go west about a mile and turn right (north) on the road before the Jordan River bridge (on the east side of the river). Go several hundred feet to a park-

ing lot. Call Ed (801-560-8197) for more information or to let him know you'll be there.

**Saturday March 20th, Noon with lunch served at 1PM
RETIREMENT EVENT FOR JAY BANTA**

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement event being held for Jay Banta at the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. Join our celebration of Jay's 30 years of government service and 19 years as refuge manager at Fish Springs. Please provide confirmation if you will be attending. Also, if you'd like to contribute to a group gift, I can provide you all the details.

Brian Allen

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Thursday, March 25th, 7PM

AUDUBON MOVIE NIGHT:

Continuing our film screenings for nature lovers of all ages, we are pleased to present Disc 1 from the acclaimed Planet Earth Series. David Attenborough narrates this amazing look at our planet, offering some of the most incredible and breath-taking glimpses of nature ever captured on film.

Location: Hawk Watch International HQ, 2240 South 900 East, Salt Lake City. 84106

What to bring: Snacks and/or drinks

Cost: FREE!

For More Information: Call Jeff Bilsky, 801-842-4013 or jbilsky@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 31st, 8:30AM

FARMINGTON BAY WMA & NEARBY AREA

Leaders: Bob Huntington and Deedee O'Brien

Join us for our monthly half-day of birding. Meet inside the McDonald's just north of the Centerville exit #319 from I-15 at 8:00AM for breakfast and camaraderie or 8:30AM to head out. Bring your own water and snacks. Call Deedee (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, April 7th, 8:30AM

MOUNTAIN DELL REC. AREA, PARLEY'S CANYON

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Come and join us for our monthly bird survey. Spring is in the air so it will be interesting to see what's there. We have been surveying this area for five years now and our total count for the area stands at 131 species! We'll meet by 8:30AM in the parking lot just west of the REI on 33rd South and 3285 East for a morning of birding. Call Jack (801-255-7989) or Sylvia (801-532-3485) if you plan to attend.

Calendar of Events including Field Trips for March/April 2010

Sunday, April 11th, 6PM

OWLING IN CITY CREEK CANYON

Leader: Bryant Olsen

With luck some neo-tropical birds will have started to arrive, but the owls will still be calling. We'll meet at 6PM by the gate at the mouth of City Creek Canyon (not Memory Grove) and come out of the canyon at twilight so we could potentially see both diurnal and nocturnal birds. The first hour or so after dark is the best for owls. Bring snacks, water and a flashlight. He would like people to sign up by email at bryant_olsen@yahoo.com or call Bryant (801-498-0362) for more information or to let him know you'll be there.

Wednesday, April 14th, 5:30 AM

GREATER SAGE-GROUSE LEK, HENEFER

Leader: Roberta Wherritt

This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the spectacular pageantry of male Sage-Grouse strutting on their ancestral lek at dawn. You may leave afterwards or join us for breakfast in Morgan, and continue birding in the Henefer area. Meet in the parking lot just west of the REI on 33rd South and 3285 East by 5:30AM to receive handouts giving directions and Lek etiquette information, and to arrange carpools. The drive to Henefer takes about an hour. Call Roberta (801-274-3058) if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, April 20th, 7PM

GSLA MONTHLY MEETING

Hummingbirds of British Columbia

Sugarhouse Garden Center

Saturday, April 24th; 5:15AM

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE LEK on Selman Ranch in Cache County

Leaders: Val Grant of Bridgerland Audubon and Ron Greer of DWR

Bridgerland Audubon has invited members of GSLA (limit 10) to join them and other invited guests to view strutting Sharp-tailed Grouse on their lek on a ranch in Cache County. Breakfast will be served on the ranch afterwards. We will meet at 5:15AM in Hyrum, Utah. *Must pre-register* and to get more details, call Deedee O'Brien (801-272- 8060)

Wednesday, April 28th, 8AM

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 8AM to head out. Bring your own water and snacks. Call Deedee (801-272-8060) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 1st 8AM-1PM

SHOREBIRDS + , ANTELOPE ISLAND CAUSEWAY

Leader: Steve Carr

Shorebird spring migration should be in full swing in early May. Join us for a morning of birding at the most accessible shorebird hotspot in our area! Meet in the SE corner of ShopKo parking lot in Sugarhouse in time to leave by 8:00AM. Call Steve for updated information (801-277-7711) and to let him know you plan to attend.

Wednesday, May 5th, 8AM

MOUNTAIN DELL REC. AREA, PARLEY'S CANYON

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

Come and join us for our monthly bird survey. May should be a good month to see a variety of birds as the Spring migrants are beginning to return. We'll meet by 8AM in the parking lot just west of the REI on 33rd South and 3285 East for a morning of birding. Call Jack (801-255-7989) or Sylvia (801-532-3485) if you plan to attend.

Thursday, May 6th, 7PM

GSLA Book Club

Sprague Library @ 2131 South 1100 East

Wilderness World of John Muir by John Muir

For More Information: Call Jeff Bilsky, 801-842-4013 or jbilsky@gmail.com or look for the flyer on the greatsaltlakeaudubon.org website.

May 13-17th

GREAT SALT LAKE BIRD FESTIVAL

See the website for more information:

www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com

Registration begins March 4th, register early for the field trips that you want!

June 11 - 13th

BOULDER UTAH BIRDING WORKSHOP

For more information and registration, go to boulder-heritage.org or contact Dick & Deedee O'Brien at d_dobrien@comcast.net. They attended the workshop last year and greatly enjoyed it.

FYI:

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology announced the launch of **WeLoveBirds.org**, an interactive online community for bird enthusiasts. On Valentine's Day—or any day of the year—WeLoveBirds.org offers a free and open social network of people who are passionate about birds; access to information on birds and birding from a leading ornithology lab; and an opportunity to make a positive difference for birds and their habitats.

“Given the many threats to birds, they need all the help they can get,” said Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, NRDC senior attorney. “WeLoveBirds.org gives bird-lovers a place to share information and make a difference.”

WeLoveBirds.org will feature information on more than 500 species of birds, bird news, notes on scientific discoveries, and an open platform for bird enthusiasts of all levels to contribute their own stories, photos, birding observations, questions, and more.

Great Salt Lake Audubon has begun its annual search for new board members. This year's nominating committee consists of Jen Hajj, Heather Dove and Nathan Darnall.

Please contact Jen, Heather or Nathan if you are interested in serving on the board or if you would like to nominate one or more individuals to serve on the board.

GSLA is looking for people with one or more of the following experience or backgrounds: prior experience with a nonprofit, accounting or financial, attorney or legal, marketing, business, real estate, fund raising, natural resources, biology or environment, teaching or education, public administration, public policy, and event planning.

You do not need to be an expert birder or have lots of money to serve on the board. However, board members are asked to attend monthly board meetings and serve on at least one committee. Some committees meet monthly, some quarterly, and some only as needed which may be once or twice a year. The average time commitment may be as little as two hours per week or could be as much time as you'd like to contribute.

The Audubon name is well-recognized and thought of highly. Because of this, other organizations seek our input and we are able to work with them to influence public policy that benefits wildlife, which in turn will benefit people. In addition, GSLA engages people in learning about birds and nature through field trips, monthly programs, field seminars and various booths. We are also creating valuable bird habitat along the Jordan River.

Please consider helping GSLA achieve even more by volunteering to serve on the board or by asking others to do the same.

MEMBERSHIP

by Heather Dove and Melanie Loucks

GSLA new and renewing members:

Kay Iwamoto, Michael Edson, Alexis & Lillian McIntyre, Linda Horne, Shirley George, Sandi Jensen, Jen Colby, Wayne Peay, Kathleen & Hal Robins, Rick Miller, Sue Eyerly, Wendy Zeigler & Jamie Longe, Margot Kadesch, Barbara Andrade, Carolyn Tuttle, Chauncey & Emily Hall, Arne Hultquist, Nancy Howard, Peter Corroon, Nancy Sakahara, Pat Jividen, Daniel Salemi, Frances Tapscott, Edie Trimmer, Carol Withrow, Richard Kaner, Melanie Loucks, Earle Bevins

New NAS members:

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We welcome you and encourage you to join us at our meetings, field trips and other events and lend your talents and time as a volunteer on our many projects.

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If you wish to receive your newsletter electronically rather than the paper version, please send an email to Heather Dove (hdove@xmission.com.)

AUDUBON COUNCIL UPDATE

by Nathan Darnall

By the time you receive this, the 2010 legislative will be wrapping up; however, Audubon may still be working on several important bills until the session ends on March 10. Contact Nathan at nld5@msn.com to receive legislative updates or be added to our "call" list to contact your state representative or state senator concerning Audubon's position on specific bills. Your phone call or e-mail may be crucial during the last week.

For those who receive legislative updates, you've already noticed a new name, Steve Erickson. Shortly after joining us, Hank Welch resigned as Policy Advocate to follow another opportunity. With only a few weeks till the legislative session we had to scramble to find a new advocate and were very fortunate to find Steve Erickson. Steve has been involved in the public process for the last twenty years, first getting involved in the debate over MX missiles in the desert. More recently, he's been working against the Las Vegas proposal to draw groundwater from the West Desert, potentially drying up numerous seeps and springs, including Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. Steve knows the political system and has jumped right in, and at last count he was tracking twenty-four bills for us. Welcome aboard Steve.

The spring Council retreat will be hosted by Red Cliffs Audubon in St. George one weekend in April. Two years ago, we had a wonderful time in Zion National Park, though the California condors eluded us. Consider joining us for a day or two of birding, chapter updates, food and fun. Contact Nathan at nld5@msn.com or visit our website for more information.

A VERY SHORT REPORT OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Great job, everyone and a special thanks to the organizers, Pomera France for the Salt Lake CBC and Jeanne LeBer for the Jordan River CBC and the team leaders!

SALT LAKE CBC

80 participants, 14 teams/areas

Total birds counted 32,967, total species 104.

Team leaders: Jeff Bilsky, Jack Shalicky(2 areas), Earl Bevins, Ed Leite(2 areas), Hugh Gillilan, Jeanne LeBer, Vivian Schneggenburger, Jerry & Sherry Liguori, Steve Carr, Angie Branch, Bob Walters, James Harris, Bob MacDougall, Jeff Smith

JORDAN RIVER CBC

27 participants, 7 teams

Total birds counted 13,527, total species 70.

Team leaders: Sarah Crane, Hugh Gillilan, Jeanne LeBer, Edson Leite, June Ryburn & Bob Walters, Terry Sadler, Martha Veranth

To those of you who did not participate this year, maybe you will join the fun next year! Hope to see you then.

GREAT SALT LAKE BIRD FESTIVAL STUDENT ART CONTEST 2010

Featured Festival Bird: Western Tanager

Sponsored by the Davis County Commissioners'
Cup Golf Tournament

Utah students in grades K-12 are invited to draw a color picture of an adult male Western Tanager. Students may use bird field guides or other printed material, as well as the Internet to identify this bird and gather ideas on how to draw their art.

The drawing must be the student's own original creation, and should not be copied or traced from any published source.

The drawing should be submitted on a flat piece of 8 1/2 x 11 white paper or art board and should fill up as much of the paper as possible - make it LARGE and COLORFUL! Some element of the bird's natural habitat should be included as well. For example, the bird could be sitting on a tree branch.

Art work will be judged in four grade categories, K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. First, second and third place awards will be given in each grade category. First prize award is \$50.00; second prize award is \$25.00; 3rd prize award is \$15.00. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Winners will be announced at the Quackers and Cheese Reception on Friday, May 14 at 5:45 pm at the Davis County Legacy Events Center in Farmington, Utah.

An overall "Best of Show" image will be chosen by a panel of judges, and that artwork will be featured on the 2011 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival's promotional documents, news releases, and clothing. The student's name and city of residence will be included with the art. The student will retain all rights to the artwork, but entry in the contest gives permission to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes.

Selections and decisions by the judges are final. Any entries with unsuitable content will not be considered.

Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form

Questions should be directed to the Art Contest Coordinator, Betsy Beneke at (435) 734-6436 or Betsy_Beneke@fws.gov. Festival information: www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com

Deadline for contest entries is April 1, 2010

Contest Rules & Entry Form can be found on our website: www.greatsaltlakeaudubon.org

CHECK OUT THE FAMILY NATURALIST PROGRAMS AT THE BEAR RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD REFUGE!

For information and to register, please call
435-734-6425.



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