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NEWSLETTER OF GREAT SALT LAKE AUDUBON

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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 the NE corner of Sugarhouse Park (enter from 2100 South, just west of Highland High). Doors open at 6:30PM for refreshments and socializing, program begins at 7PM, with announcements, and then the speaker shortly afterward.

Tuesday, March 15th

Speaker: Bruce Thompson

Winter tracking is like curling up with a book that you can't put down, except now the text is etched by wild beings, the blanket is frozen water and the pages are both fleeting and unending. We will learn this new form of "literacy" from a tracking expert who will teach you how to "read" the snow, and gather a treasure-trove of information about the furry, feathered and fascinating lives of the characters in winter's story.

This program features expert wildlife tracker, naturalist and educator Bruce Thompson, who teaches not only essential skills in tracking, but insights into the diverse and endlessly fascinating lifestyles and adaptive strategies employed in our wild neighborhoods. You will not look at winter or wildlife the same way again!

Bruce will discuss how to investigate the scenes and signatures of animals in the snow, including the intricacies of adaptation and survival. From wildlife scat, tracks, walking patterns and clues on the landscape, we will explore how animal behavior and adaptations allow them to survive the wintry wonderland.

Tuesday, April 19th

**Speaker William Gray -
Marcus Jones's "Big Year"
(1894)**

Marcus Jones was an eminent botanical explorer, living in Salt Lake City from 1880 to 1923. He was also a geologist, all around naturalist, and notoriously difficult person – as well as an avid photographer. Last year a cache of about 1000 of his old glass slides and negatives was rediscovered in California. With a grant from the Utah Native Plant Society I am creating a digital archive of these images: Sylvia and I recorded over 300 last Fall, and we return for more in March. They give a fascinating glimpse into our region 100 years ago.



Basin & Range will take place over the 3-day Memorial Day weekend, May 28th, 29th & 30th at the Ruby Lake NWR in Nevada Because of the greater distance, the format will be a little different. Classes will begin Saturday afternoon, continue through Sunday, then finish Monday morning. This will allow people more time to get there and return home. Registration form with full details will be in the next Pelican.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Leslie K. Orgera

As the winter slowly grinds to an end, I know I'm looking forward to Spring. Green shoots, colorful flowers and the return of many of our favorite bird species sounds pretty good to me. The change from "freezing" to "warmer" is always appreciated.

Here at GSLA things are changing too. You will notice that the *Pelican* contains a prominent request for those of us who have email addresses to sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter. There are several significant benefits besides the obvious one that trees are better used by birds!

First, if we can distribute the majority of the *Pelican* electronically, GSLA will enjoy a significant reduction in the annual cost to provide the newsletter. Each copy of *The Pelican* costs GSLA roughly \$0.71. Since GSLA mails out 6 issues a year, the total annual cost of mailing *The Pelican* is about \$5,600! If 75% of you respond to this request and begin receiving your *Pelican* via email, we can immediately put roughly \$4,000 into critical projects like the Jordan River Reserve. That amounts to hundreds of new trees for the site!

Second, electronic copies will contain additional information and content, such as color photos. To print our current newsletter in color is simply prohibitively expensive. But the use of color is just not an issue with electronic copies. Hyperlinks of interest to GSLA members can also be included in an electronic version, which will expand the newsletter content.

Another reason to collect emails is to allow GSLA to better communicate with our members generally. Information regarding field trips and other fun activities can be sent directly to you.

Finally, if you choose to you can be notified when legislation is being considered that may have impact on birds and wildlife or is of general interest to the conservation community. Such notices will provide information on what's happening and how to voice your opinion should you desire to. It is amazing that relatively few letters can have a major impact on state-wide issues that directly affect us all. The power of such active involvement was brought home just a month ago when a significant rule change adversely impacting birds and other wildlife was proposed to the Utah Division of Wildlife. Several of our Board members contributed comments opposing this change. The proposed rule change was defeated and the current regulations were maintained. GSLA members' letter writing and submission of comments were significant factors in the State's decision. Working together we can create positive outcomes.

In closing, change is the only constant. With the change your Board is proposing here, we hope to cut costs, improve our newsletter and better communicate with you, our Members. If you choose, you can also become a more active member of GSLA by deciding to receive periodic notifications from your Board, and other GSLA committees. Please make time today and let us have your email. It should take less than a minute. Best wishes for a Happy Spring. Its time to go birding!



JANUARY/FEBRUARY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

By Nancy Bill, Secretary

Rebecca Himsl has volunteered to take over the Sunflower Seed Sale with June Ryburn and Sandy Bassett's help.

Pat Jividen has volunteered to help Nancy Sakahara and Heather Dove with the preparation and mailing of the *Pelican*.

Ty Harrison presented a sample catalogue to the Board, which documents the importance of the Jordan River, the recent restoration initiatives and its natural history. The Board discussed helping to defray the printing costs with the possibility of having the GSLA logo printed on the publication to indicate our support.

Amanda Fadling, a Westminster student of Jaimi Butler's, presented the beautiful document she created for the GSLA web site.

Heather Dove talked about the cost of printing and mailing *The Pelican* to people who join National but not GSLA. She thinks new NAS members should be made aware what it costs and has designed a large postcard to welcome all new members and urge them to consider joining GSLA in addition to NAS.

Leslie Orgera suggested we use the *Pelican* or web site to ask members for their email addresses and include a checkbox to list their interests. She also urged GSLA members to cultivate a relationship with Utah Open Lands. Coming up, they need help with a bird survey on a conservation easement. Working with them would enable our members to go onto properties normally off-limits.

Fourteen people have registered for the Photo Workshop, so far. Great job, Deedee and Jen.

GSLA is still looking for someone to organize the next big fundraiser.

Janice Huebner organized a Great Salt Lake Conservation Committee meeting to hear Lynn de Freitas, Executive Director of Friends of Great Salt Lake, talk about the coalition to keep the lake great, in particular the GSL Mineral's planned expansion. GSLA has signed on to protest the planned expansion.

Geoff Hardies brought up the need for a 2011 budget.

Tara Poelzing and Bruce Heath explained that URMCC holds title to the Jordan River restoration site. Bruce obtained a 5 year agreement/permit to continue working on URMCC property on the Jordan River project. It is also time to start interviewing Americorp interns for the site.

For the 2011 Basin and Range, Keith Johnson has reserved campsites at the USFS, South Ruby Campground for the Memorial Day weekend. The campground is about a mile south of the Ruby Lake NWR where most of the B&R activities will take place. He needs 8 instructors for 16 classes. Because of the greater distance, the format will be a little different. Classes will begin Saturday afternoon, continue through Sunday, then finish Monday morning. This will allow people more time to get there and return home. Registration form with full details will be in the next *Pelican*

Bruce had the Ethical Standards Annual Affirmation statement from the Utah Nonprofits Association ready for approval and signature. Bruce also summarized his funding, administrative, outreach and GSLA efforts for January and February.

WE WANT YOUR EMAIL!!

As mentioned in Leslie's message this issue, GSLA is petitioning all members who have them to submit their email addresses. We have two reasons for this request. One is that we would like to shift to electronic delivery as much as possible, in order to save money and trees. Secondly, we would like to be able to alert our members when important issues are up for public discussion or being decided upon by the powers that be. This will give our members a chance to make comments, send letters and emails, or at the very least, stay informed about important local issues regarding the environment and conservation.

If you would like to join us in this effort, please send an email indicating

You agree to receive the *Pelican* electronically and/or

You agree to receive email alerts

Send your email to Heather Dove at membership@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org

Please note that we will not share your email with others. Also, should you decide at some point to no longer receive email alerts or the electronic version of the *Pelican*, just let us know and we'll remove you from the list.

GSLA is hosting the Audubon Council meeting May 7th and 8th. It will take place at the Visitor Center in Red Butte Garden. All members are welcome. Saturday will be business meetings. For those interested, a field trip into Red Butte Canyon is planned for Sunday.

JORDAN RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD RESERVE: THE TITLE

By Tara Poelzing, Restoration Chair

You may have noticed that our Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve has had different titles over the past couple of years. The Board and the Management Team have been working together during this time to come up with a name that best describes our Restoration site—one that can work as our official name on documents, maps, and, eventually, signage. Throughout this process, we have learned that various titles, including Refuge, are reserved for specific government lands.

The Jordan River Restoration site covers 120 acres along the east side of the Jordan River in South Jordan City. This haven for wildlife incorporates native plantings in and around wetlands, ponds, a creek, and uplands—all providing critical habitat in a mostly urbanized area.

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



Calendar of Events including Field Trips for Mar/Apr. 2011

BEGINNING BIRDERS 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 ARRANGE CARPOOLS******

Wednesday, March 2nd, 8:30AM

MOUNTAIN DELL REC. AREA, PARLEY'S CANYON

Leaders: Jack Clark and Sylvia Gray

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

Tuesday, March 8th, 5:30PM

OWLS IN CITY CREEK CANYON

Leaders: Bryant Olsen and Ed Leite

One of the first signs of spring is the singing of owls from our canyons on crisp late winter and spring nights. Come join us on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month through June as we explore those canyons looking for the most mysterious and elusive of birds - owls. Who knows what else we may see along the way. Our second owl walk is on Tuesday March 8th. Meet by 5:30PM at the mouth of City Creek Canyon above Memory Grove. Dress warmly and be prepared for up to a 3 mile hike in the dark. Bring a flashlight and snacks as desired. For more information call Bryant at (801-498-0362).

Wednesday, March 9th

OQUIRRH LAKE AT DAYBREAK, SOUTH JORDAN

Leader: Pomera Fronce

Join us for a stroll around Oquirrh Lake which promises good birds and good company. To get to Daybreak from I-15, take the 10600 South exit westbound. Continue west until you reach Bangerter Highway and turn south. Go south to 11400 South and turn west into Daybreak. Follow Daybreak Parkway to Kestrel Rise Road (4695 West). Street parking is available. Our walk around the lake will cover two miles on flat paved trails and take two hours. Contact Pomera at (801-272-2755) or pinkstring@xmission.com for starting time.

Saturday, March 12th, 9:30AM - Noon

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Instructor: Richard Young

Tuesday, March 15th, 7PM

GSLA MONTHLY MEETING

Sugarhouse Garden Center - Speaker: Bruce Thompson

Friday, March 18th – Sunday, March 20th

ST. GEORGE HOTSPOTS

Leader: Carl Ingwell and Jeff Bilsky

Washington County offers species not found anywhere else in the state. Join Jeff Bilsky and Carl for an epic 3 day adventure where we'll try to locate each and every Washington County specialty, and a few rarities to boot. We will be looking for Crissal Thrasher, Phainopepla, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Verdin, Vermillion Flycatcher and many more. Over the weekend we will try to hit most of the St. George hotspots that we know. Jeff and I will be doing some primitive camping (no sinks, flushing toilets, etc) and we invite you to join us. If camping doesn't sound like fun, you can reserve a hotel room in the St. George area, and meet us in the mornings. Please call Carl (801-688-5017) or Jeff (801-842-4013) to reserve a spot & let us know whether you'd like to camp with us, or stay in a hotel.

Friday, March 25th, 9AM

CORNER CANYON TRAIL SYSTEM, DRAPER

Leaders: Mark Mossing and Melanie Hoffman

Our monthly bird surveys for Draper City resume this month. Come and help us find what is there. Meet at the Coyote Hollow Trail Head (14200 S/1850 E – adjacent southeast of the Draper Temple parking lot by 9AM. Bring your own snacks and water. Call Mark (801-571-4894) or Melanie (801-558-4134) if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, March 30th, 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.

Saturday, April 2nd, 7:45AM

LOCAL HOTSPOTS

Leader Jeff Bilsky

Join us for a day of birding local area hotspots. Based on where interesting birds are being seen at the time, we will select locations to spend a great morning of birding. Early spring migrants should be beginning to arrive so we'll be looking for them as well as lingering wintering birds. We will meet in the Shopko parking lot at 1300 E. and I-80 at 7:45AM and promptly leave at 8AM. We will probably be out until early afternoon, so bring snacks and water. Contact Jeff at 801-842-4013 or jbilsky@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, April 6th, 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

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surveying this area for six 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 at 3285 E/33rd So. for a morning of birding. Call Jack (801-255-7989) or Sylvia (801-532-3485) if you plan to attend.

Friday, April 8th, 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 at 3285 E/33rd So. 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.

Sunday, April 10th Time to be determined.

INLAND SEA SHOREBIRD RESERVE (Kennecott Mitigation Property)

Leader: Pomera Fronce

Join us for a "behind the gates" tour of ISSR. Shorebird migration will be in full swing and what else we might see is anybody's guess. Space is limited and will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis. Contact Pomera to reserve a spot (pinkstring@xmission.com or 801-272-2755).

Tuesday, April 12th, 7PM

OWLING IN NEFF'S CANYON

Leader: Bryant Olsen and Ed Leite

With luck some neo-tropical birds will have started to arrive, but the owls will still be calling. We'll meet at 7PM in the parking lot just west of the REI on 3285 E/33rd So. 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. Call Bryant (801-498-0362) for more information or to let him know you'll be there.

Wednesday, April 13th

OQUIRRH LAKE AT DAYBREAK, SOUTH JORDAN

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Friday/Saturday or Sunday, April 15th – 17th

FISH SPRINGS NWR

Leader: Jack Skalicky

Jack has been conducting bird surveys at Fish Springs since 2005. We have the opportunity to join/help him with a survey on Saturday and for those who can stay overnight to engage in casual birding on Sunday. This is a great time of year to visit the refuge. We will meet Brian Allen, the new manager, and help out with some kind of service project. Plan on arriving Friday evening either to camp or to use the bunkhouse. For those who can stay we'll have a potluck supper on Saturday. Fish Springs is pretty isolated so you'll need to be self-sufficient. Driving time from SLC is anywhere from 3.5 – 4.5 hours depending on the route chosen. Driving directions will be given to those who sign up. Coordinator for this trip: Sylvia Gray (801-532-3486). Jack can be reached at (801-585-7363). Call with questions or to reserve a spot. Space in the bunkhouse is limited.

Saturday, April 16th, 9:30AM – Noon

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Instructor: Brent Housekeeper

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Wednesday, April 27th, 7:30AM

FARMINGTON BAY AND NEARBY AREA

Leader: 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 7:30AM 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.

Wednesday, May 4th, 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 at 3285 E/33rd So. for a morning of birding. Call Jack (801-255-7989) or Sylvia (801-532-3486) if you plan to attend.

111 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

by Pomera M. Fronce

The 2010 Salt Lake Christmas Bird Count is in the books, having delivered the hoped-for good birds, good food and good fun. Eighty-six participants identified 97 species, for a total count of 37,504 individual birds. Another three species were spotted during count week.

The Bountiful team of Jeff Bilsky, Carl Ingwell and Sarah Nelson turned up a rafter of 28 Wild Turkeys. This is the first time this species has ever been reported on the Salt Lake CBC. Other surprise birds included a Snow Goose, Varied Thrush and a very “out of season” Western Grebe. High historical counts were logged for Ring-necked Duck, Eared Grebe, Cooper’s Hawk, Merlin, Northern Flicker, Mountain Chickadee, Cedar Waxwing and Lesser Goldfinch. Full count results can be seen at <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

We were pleased to welcome six counters under the age of 18. They are Waterford School students Jay Anderson, Rilyn Johnson, Avery Smith and Eliot Smith under the tutelage of Mark Bromley, James Harris and Mike Johnson. Also, 13-year-old Hakeem Ibrahim, protégé of Nancy Sakahara and Matt Williams’ three year-old son, Silvester, who took part in his second count. We hope this trend of young participants will continue for many years to come.

On a sad note, we acknowledge the passing of Gerrit Steenblik on November 11, 2010, at the age of 85. While many of you may not have known him, Gerrit was a good friend to the Utah birding community. He was a soft-spoken, humble man who loved nature and especially birds. Gerrit certainly must have set some kind of record by participating in a Christmas Bird Count every year, save one, from 1939 through 2009. He will be missed!

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the 2010 count. Let’s do it again on Saturday, December 17th, 2011.



Three-year-old Silvester Williams takes part in his second CBC. He holds the title of youngest and most endearing Salt Lake count participant

JORDAN RIVER CBC REPORT

Twenty-four people participated and were divided into six teams – led by Jeanne Le Ber, Bob Walters, Hugh Gillian, Ed Leite, Deedee O’Brien, and Terry Sadler. Total count for the day was 19,088 birds, 72 different species. Included for the first time were three species - a flock of 17 Gray crowned Rosy Finches, a Cackling Goose, and a Greater White fronted Goose, spotted by the uber-team of Ed Leite and Bryant Olsen. Join us again next New Year’s Day - - we need you! What a glorious way to begin the new year.



The Neotropic Cormorant is Richard Young’s and the Ferruginous Hawk bringing mouse to chick is Brent Housekeeper’s.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Sponsored by: Great Salt Lake Audubon and HawkWatch International

Instructors: variety of local photographers who will share their passion for what they do, their photos, techniques, experiences in the field AND answer your questions

Where: HawkWatch International Office; 2240 S 900 E

When: Saturday mornings, 9:30 to noon

Cost/Class: \$10:00 for members of GSLA or HawkWatch; \$15 for non-members

Target Audience: bird photography enthusiasts aspiring to improve their photos or to just get started

Pre-registration Required: Register online at www.hawkwatch.org. Contact Deedee at 801-272-8060/d-dobrien@comcast.net or Jen Hajj at > 801-484-6808/jhajj@hawkwatch.org for more information. >

Payment may be made at the door or online.

Class #2: March 12, 2011 at 9:30AM to NOON

Presenter: Richard B. Young

CAMERA/COMPUTER/PRESENTATION ESSENTIALS

This will be a more “nuts & bolts” session. Richard has been involved in photography for over 50 years, 40 of those as a professional. In retirement, he discovered birds; and avian photography became a full time passion. His class will emphasize camera/computer/presentation essentials; techniques for best in-camera bird images, along with methods to improve your photos with “post-processing”. Check out his bird photos on his personal website: www.richbyoung.com

Class #3: April 16, 2011, 9:30AM to NOON

Presenter: Brent Housekeeper,

Brent’s interest in nature photography and raptors in particular dates back to his childhood. He remembers taking photos of baby eagles and owls over 50 years ago with a Kodak Brownie camera. In recent years, he has become particularly interested in the preservation of the Ferruginous Hawk and has a text in process about it. Brent will talk about some of his adventures traveling to get unique photos and his endeavors to educate others about and the preservation of raptors. Brent believes that it is very important that those who undertake photography of sensitive species become naturalists first and photographers second and to see to it that their endeavors cause no harm to their subjects. He will bring a short video and sample slides, and will devote much of the discussion to proper protocol.



Farmington Bay, photo by Leslie K. Orgera

MEMBERSHIP

by Heather Dove

Here are the new & renewing GSLA members:

Loraine Lovell, Bryce Johnson, Guy & Janet Frost, Joan Hafner, Greg Gardner, Richard Middleton, Claire Stanley, Aaron Villont, Frank Young, Carolyn Wilson, Ginger Fletcher, Maxine Garwood, Vanessa Leadbetter, Yvonne Stroup, Chauncey & Emily Hall, Sheri Mortenson, Kathleen & Hal Robins, Karen Burns, Byron Elfors, Sue Eyerly, Barbara Andrade, Irene Fisher & Craig Hansen, Jay Jones, Vaughn & Joanne Lovejoy, Wayne Peay, Daniel Salemi, Kandy Richards, IHI Environmental, Joyce Yeagle, Judy Wolbach, Wendy Zeigler & Jamie Longe

IMPENDING MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

After much analysis and investigation of the fee structure of other local Audubon chapters throughout the country, the Board has decided to make some changes to GSLA membership dues.

Currently:

- 1) A Great Salt Lake Audubon-only membership is \$25 a year; all dues support local programming and education, our legislative lobbyist and other advocacy efforts, habitat restoration, field trips, newsletter publication and mailing, participation in the statewide Audubon Council, Executive Director salary, and office space and supplies.
- 2) National Audubon Society members are granted automatic membership in Great Salt Lake Audubon. Although they are granted the full benefit of participation in all our events, representation in our advocacy and restoration efforts, and the 6 bimonthly issues of the *Pelican*, **only \$3.40 of the annual \$35 NAS membership fee goes to GSLA.**

That means in reality, most of our operational expenses are borne by members who pay local (GSLA) dues.

Proposed change:

In order to make this a more equitable arrangement, we have decided that new NAS members will receive the *Pelican* as a courtesy (i.e., free) as part of their first year membership. Thereafter, should renewing NAS members wish to continue to receive the *Pelican* either in paper form or electronically, they will be required to join GSLA. This change will help GSLA remain financially viable.

It should be noted that there are quite a few members who have already chosen to join both GSLA and NAS, thus supporting bird conservation at both the local and national levels. We encourage members to consider joining both. They have different functions and both are important.

We appreciate *all* our members. We hope you will continue to participate in our activities and support our efforts to protect and enhance habitat for wild birds, animals and plants.

Stay tuned for an announcement about when this change will take effect.



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(LOCAL MEMBERSHIP ONLY)**

Please enroll me as a member of GSLA. My membership fee of \$25.00 includes a 1-year subscription to The Pelican.

Please clip and send your application and check to:

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P.O.BOX 520867
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84152-0867

Name _____
Street _____
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Phone _____ Today's Date _____

If you would prefer to save some trees and receive the Pelican electronically, please make sure you have provided us with your email address and check this box _____. Great Salt Lake Audubon does not share your information with any other organizations.

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:

___ My check for \$25.00 is enclosed. (Introductory price only)

Please clip and send your application and check to:

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