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AUDUBON WORKERS FLOCK TO OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA!

The OSNA/Prudential Global Volunteer Work Day was a smashing, slashing, signing, surveying success! It was, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful days of the fall to be out in a riparian woodland ... and we had no reports of the mobs of mosquitoes so common this past summer. As I made calls to confirm that the usual hearty bunch of trail workers would be available on the Saturday morning of the Work Day, I was met by numerous cancellations. Many of our veteran volunteers would not be able to make it. I was worried that we might not even get the minimum of 20 people needed to match our challenge grant from Jane Lopp & Associates. Kay remained cool, but I was really concerned. Finally, Saturday, September 27th arrived, and we had a RECORD 42 people signed up – whew!

A new FAS Board Member, Richard Kuhl, led the Greenridge Trail Crew to the steep trail and steps down to the gate. The area was a mess. By the end of the day, the steps were repaired and shored up, the debris had been cleared and the trail to the big log was opened up and leveled. Obviously, this crew, which included one of OSNA's neighbors, was not new to trail work. They did a great job on that difficult section and across the Greenridge Trail



to the intersection with the Main Trail.

FAS President Mike Fanning was in charge of the Sign Crew, which placed signs at trailheads, intersections, and along the trails. The signs were bulky pieces of cottonwood, averaging 6 inches thick and 26 inches in diameter, not easy to handle. This tough crew was called on to move and plant the signs, often close to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Treasure Lane trailhead. Composed of another hardy OSNA neighbor and 2 hardworking teenage ladies, this crew wheeled 2-3 signs at a time in

wheelbarrows to their various locations, a job made more exciting by their crew boss's confusing directions, which were interpreted from my even more confusing list. Our President is always good for a laugh and having a fun time!

Dave Covill got up early, drove from Columbia Falls, picked up the Billy Goat mower at Midway Rental, and delivered his son, the mower, and himself on time to the Montessori School. Then he became the Mowing Crew foreman and Chief Operator. Three others tried to keep ahead of him moving logs and large branches out of the way. Aside from one incident involving yellow jacket stings to 3 people, all went well. The trails are all opened up.

(OSNA Work Day, continued on page 4)

NOVEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, November 10, 2008: General Membership Meeting. 7 PM, The Summit, Conference Room 3. Program by renowned wildlife photographer Tom Ulrich. Details on page 3.

Monday, November 3, 2008: Flathead Audubon Board of Directors Meeting. 6 PM at 295 Third Ave. E.N. All are welcome.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Lewis Young

THE MERLIN

If you have ever watched a large wintertime flock of waxwings around Kalispell and have seen a small dark bird chasing the waxwings and exhibiting an impressive display of speed and agility, then you likely have seen a merlin. Such a sight can be seen with some frequency every winter in Kalispell.



Merlins (scientific name *Falco columbarius*) are small, compact, fast flying falcons. Most appear dark at a distance and females are larger than males. Males are gray-blue above, while females and juveniles are dark brown, although both sexes of the Pacific Northwest birds are almost uniformly dark. The breast and belly are streaked and the tail is barred. Merlins lack the strong facial markings of both the smaller, more common American kestrel and the larger prairie falcon. Plumage varies geographically with the three recognized races or populations of merlins. Those along the Pacific Northwest coast are darkest; the lightest are the population that breeds in the northern Great Plains from southern Canada to the northern U.S.; intermediate in color are the taiga population that breeds in the northern reaches of North America. The plumage variations among populations are well illustrated in field guides such as the National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America (fifth edition) and the National Audubon Society, The Sibley Guide to Birds.

Merlins are in the true falcon family that is characterized by long pointed wings often bent at the wrist, and fast flight. Of the five species of falcons that may be seen in northwest Montana, merlins are the second smallest with wingspans of about 24 inches and a length of about 10 inches, giving them only 1-2 inch larger measurements than the American kestrel but about 6 inches shorter in length and 16 inches less wingspan than the next larger falcon, the prairie falcon. Peregrine falcons and gyrfalcons are the other two species of falcons that may be seen in northwest Montana but both species are much larger.

Merlins may be found in habitats varying from coniferous forests to isolated deciduous groves in prairies. They breed in semi-open terrain that has trees for nest sites and open areas for hunting. They may winter in more open areas such as grasslands and coastal marshes. Most merlins in North America are considered migratory and leave their breeding range to migrate into the lower 48 states and further south into Mexico and even South America, but some individuals winter in the breeding range in

southern Canada, Montana, and northern Wyoming, especially in cities where house sparrows and waxwings are abundant.

In North America, the vast majority of breeding range occurs north of the U.S./Canada border. Montana and northern Wyoming comprise the largest area of breeding range in the

lower 48 states with small areas in North Dakota, Idaho, and Washington. Merlins also occur across the northern portions of Europe and Asia.

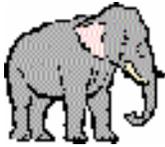
During courtship, the male performs spectacular flight displays with steep dives, strong twisting flight, glides, rolling from side to side, and fluttering with shallow wingbeats. He also presents food to the female. Nests are usually in old magpie, crow, or hawk nests, typically with 4 or 5 whitish eggs marked with reddish brown. Incubation is mostly by the female for 28-32 days. The male brings food to the female and she eats while he incubates. The female remains with the young most of the time after they hatch. The male brings food, the female takes it from him near the nest, then feeds it to the young, who are able to fly at around 30 days.

In Montana, merlins are widespread but uncommon to rare. In the Flathead Valley, merlins are considered uncommon during winter and rare during the summer breeding season. The Bigfork Christmas Bird Count has recorded merlins on 10 counts and the Kalispell Christmas Bird Count has recorded 1-7 merlins in each year of its 9 years.

Merlins often hunt from a perch, then fly out to capture prey in air using a burst of speed, but they will also fly low among trees or over ground and take prey by surprise. Their flight is direct, without dives or hovering. Their diet is almost exclusively small birds, although they may also take small mammals, large insects such as dragonflies, and reptiles. Like all falcons, merlins have a notched bill that is used to kill prey by severing the spinal cord at the neck.



On several occasions I have been lucky enough to watch merlins chasing prey and the display of speed and flying skills was truly amazing. Once in eastern Montana, as I walked across the prairie, a merlin used me like a bird dog, pursuing horned larks as I flushed them. The close, unobstructed view was spellbinding! Keep an eye out this winter for flocks of waxwings; by watching them for a period, you too may see how fast and agile a merlin can be. Good luck!



November 2008 Program
**IN A HOT AIR BALLOON OVER THE SERENGETI:
 PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS IN EAST AFRICA**



Acclaimed freelance nature photographer Tom Ulrich has just returned from his seventh trip to East Africa! He will share beautiful photographs from this latest journey with FAS at our November meeting. We will see photographs of birds, animals and the Masai people of Kenya and Tanzania. Tom's work includes photographs of the "big six" — elephants, lions, cheetahs, leopards, cape buffalo and rhinos. He also enjoys photographing the vast Serengeti plain from hot air balloons at the beginning of the rainy season when the great migration period begins.

Tom photographs nature, writes books about nature, leads nature tours, conducts seminars and workshops, lectures at universities around the country, and is active in several professional associations. Among the many prestigious awards Tom has received for his work is the 2005 North American Nature Photography Association's Fellow Award.

Tom's photographs number in the hundreds of thousands and have been featured in numerous major publications. PHOTO PANTANAL is one of seven nature books he has published. Brazil's Pantanal, Tom says, is the greatest aviary spectacle known to man.

It was Tom's earlier career as a high school and community college teacher of biological sciences—local flora, botany, zoology, biology, biochemistry, and anatomy and physiology—that led to his life's work. When he's not traveling the world, Tom returns to his West Glacier home.

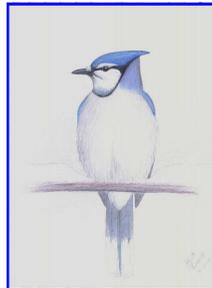
Tom's last program for FAS featured the Falkland Islands. Now, three years later, let's all welcome Tom back from East Africa at 7 PM on Monday, November 10, in the Community Room of The Summit, 205 Sunnyview Lane in Kalispell.

RAFFLE!

**The Beauty of the Holiday Season
 Comes to Life!**



This beautiful drawing of a Blue Jay by Josh Covill is one of a pair of Josh's bird drawings that you could win this year in Flathead Audubon's Christmas Raffle. The two framed, color sketches of local birds by Josh will make a wonderful Christmas present for your favorite birder — or you may have a perfect place for them in your own home.



Many of you know Josh Covill as Flathead Valley's young hotshot birder. A Flathead Audubon Nature Education Grant helped Josh attend the American Birding Association's Young Birder's Conference last June. The fine detail of his bird drawings — which unfortunately are not adequately captured in this reproduction in the Post — reflect both his keen observational skills as a birder and his talent as a budding young nature artist.

Two additional prizes will be available in the Christmas Raffle this year, a festive Christmas wreath crafted by Kay Mitchell, and a sturdy, hand-crafted walking stick made by Brent Mitchell. Kay is co-editor of The Pileated Post; she creates the beautiful layout of the newsletter you receive each month. Brent is Co-Chair of Flathead Audubon's Owen Sowerwine Natural Area Committee, and responsible for most of the on-the-ground management of the Area.

Brent and Kay are the organizers of our yearly Owen Sowerwine Work Days.

Proceeds from the Raffle help fund local Flathead Audubon projects such as our Bird Education Program, the variety of Nature Education Grants and Scholarships we award to local students each year, and our ongoing leasing and management of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area.

Raffle tickets are **\$1 each**, or **6 tickets for \$5**. The three winning tickets will be drawn at the Flathead Audubon December 8 meeting. You need not be present to win. You may buy Christmas Raffle tickets at the November and December FAS meetings. You may also purchase tickets by mail; just send your name, phone number and number of tickets you want, along with payment for the tickets, to Jill Fanning, FAS Christmas Raffle, 380 Tally Lake Road, Whitefish, MT 59937. Jill will fill out your raffle tickets for you and deposit them in the ticket jar in time for the December drawing.

Many thanks to Josh, Kay, and Brent for donating these exciting raffle prizes. And thanks to all of you who buy raffle tickets. Your support for Flathead Audubon projects is crucial to their continued success.

From Linda Winnie



WATER

by Bob Lopp, FAS Past President



Recently I was in Jackson Hole, WY, for a business conference and at the breaks there were bottles of Pellegrino Sparkling Natural Mineral Water, as well as soft drinks. At an earlier conference at Whitefish Mountain Resort, bottled water was in our room covered with the logo of the resort. Walking into Smiths or any other supermarket, there are stacks of bottled water for sale. Why?

Is our water source so polluted that we must pay \$8 to \$10 per gallon for water? Why do we not trust the water from the tap in Columbia Falls, Whitefish or Kalispell? Are we just responding to Madison Avenue advertising?

Unfortunately not. The tap water in Kalispell has an unpleasant taste from the added chlorine to purify it, even though it flows from deep wells on the edge of Kalispell. Then why do we ignore the impact of development on the edges of our water sources?

Last weekend, the Flathead Valley chapter

of Trout Unlimited conducted a cleanup project from Teakettle to Columbia Falls to remove the garbage left by citizens of the Flathead Valley. The haul was amazing! Cups and sacks from most fast food restaurants, old tires, plastic bags, even box springs from the 30's. What we do not need, we "throw out the window."

This is part of the reason we need to impose setbacks on development along our streams. What we throw away comes back to haunt us in the pollution of our water supply. Would we rather buy bottled water at \$8 to \$10 per gallon or protect our water supplies by development setbacks?



I complain at having to pay \$3.00 plus for gasoline. Why should I have to buy water, a basic need, instead of being able to trust the quality of the water out of the tap? Why can developers deny me a basic of a civilized nation, pure water, for their desire to sell every inch of land up to our aquifers?

Sunflower Seed Sale Alert!

FAS partners with Western Building Centers

We have once again partnered with Western Building Centers, a locally owned and operated business in the Flathead Valley. WBC's general manager, Doug Shanks, has generously agreed to donate a portion of the profit on every bag of sunflower seed purchased by FAS members, family, friends, neighbors and visitors, in other words, everyone who purchases seed from WBC. The Sunflower Seed Sale started **October 1st** and continues through **December 31st**. This is Flathead Audubon Society's major fundraiser for the year and your support is critical. Please shop in any one of WBC's four locations.



Kalispell – 1745 3rd Avenue East
Whitefish – 6130 Highway 93 South

Evergreen – 1019 East Idaho Street
Columbia Falls – 1550 9th Street West



(OSNA Work Day, continued) ... Those gathering the biological data at 12 mainland permanent plots had their work cut out for them. Ah, well, that's not exactly correct. Each crew had to locate 3 stakes in different parts of the riparian jungle, but nothing was cut out for them; no trails except game trails were available. Once they found the stakes, they had to identify, count, measure, and record many different features of the habitat around each stake. In the end, all 12 plots were visited. The results will appear this winter on the FAS website. The plots will also be surveyed at different times of the year. And we will do another complete survey in 5 years, to compare and document the changes that are occurring.

Throughout this busy morning, the crews were all ferried to and from their work sites by Jane Lopp and Ava Harwood.

Thanks to everyone who participated in another successful Work Day at the Natural Area. Every person's work was important. Now all trails are cleared; even the Howard access is visible from the bank just east of the end of Howard Drive. The trails and intersections are all signed. Visitors can climb a nice set of repaired and upgraded steps at the Greenridge access. Barton Morse, our "official photographer" took over 400 photos and put together a slide show that we hope to run for you at a general meeting soon. Forty two people enjoyed a fun 2 hours volunteering for a community project. Several neighbors worked with us. And we qualified for a monetary grant through Prudential's Jane Lopp & Associates. Tune in next May for a sneak preview of next fall's "Adventures in Owen Sowerwine!"

Brent Mitchell, OSNA Co-Chair



TRAVELLING WITH MONTANA AUDUBON



Expand your Life List! Montana Audubon is offering several birding tours in 2009. Trip costs include a tax-deductible donation to Montana Audubon. *The Pileated Post* will provide details of these tours in future issues, as space allows. At present, the following birding tours are scheduled:

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| ◆ Pelee Island, Canada (4 trips) | May 2009 | Visit www.KingfisherBirdTours.com |
| ◆ Ecuador (3 trips) | Nov/Dec 2009 | Call John Shipley at (406) 465-8247 |
| ◆ Red Rock Lakes Refuge (MT) | Late May 2009 | Visit www.mtaudubon.org |
| ◆ South Africa (1 trip) | January 2009 | Call or e-mail Mary Fay @ 406-431-9761
or mary.fay@bresnan.net |

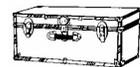
*Did you know???? ... that the coffee served at our FAS general meetings is always shade-grown?
Support birds - DRINK UP!*



Flockin' to the Co-op for some NEW FAS Education Trunks

The Conservation Education Program has several new trunks available for check-out, for free. They are stored at the Northwest Montana Educational Co-op office located in the Linderman Education Center at 124 3rd Ave. E., Kalispell. We have a wonderful partnership with the Co-op and they allow us to store our FAS Education Trunks at their office, where trunks have excellent access for teachers and Co-op staff assist us with the scheduling and check-out of the trunks. The Co-op also helps ensure that our education trunks meet Montana Content Standards for teachers. The use of the trunks has increased in the past year, no doubt due in part to our partnership with the Co-op. The new trunks we have for loan are: 1) a **Field Studies Education Trunk** suitable for younger grade levels, which includes a set of 10 *Montana Birds* field guides and 10 smaller-sized, child-friendly binoculars. The field guides have large framed drawings of birds with specific natural history text on the birds in Montana. This Education

Trunk helps students gain basic birding skills, including use and care of binoculars and bird identification techniques, 2) a **Wetland and Riparian Studies Trunk** being developed in partnership with the Flathead Conservation District, to be completed by January 09. There will be two trunks developed for loaning to educators, one housed at the Conservation District and one with FAS at the NW MT Educational Co-op. Appropriate from Elementary to Middle School. We will be holding an educators workshop on its use, and 3) a **Snowy Owl's Whoo Are They? Book and Trunk**. The Owl Research Institute partnered with FAS to develop this trunk based on the book written by Ansley Watson Ford and Denver Holt. Appropriate from Elementary to Middle School. To borrow any of these or our other education trunks, please email Nancy Zapotocki at naz@centurytel.net or call the Northwest Montana Educational Co-op at 752-3302.



SCIENCE TIDBIT

SATELLITE TRACKING VERIFIES 7250 MILE NONSTOP MIGRATION

Sources: *On Scimitar Wings*, Brian J. McCaffery, *Birding September/October 2008*. For maps of migration routes and reports on individual birds, Google search for "Pacific Shorebird Migration"



In 1976 Frank Pitelka suggested that Bar-tailed Godwits made a nonstop overwater migration across the Pacific Ocean from north to south. When you realize that the Pacific Ocean is larger than all the earth's land area combined and that Bar-tailed Godwits cannot rest, eat or drink during the approximately 8 ½ days that the flight takes, it seems impossible.

In February of 2007 in New Zealand, a battery-operated satellite transmitter was implanted in a female Bar-tailed Godwit with a leg tag of E7. On March 17 she started her northward migration and arrived at the Yellow Sea (6400 miles) on March 24. On May 2 she left for Alaska. Six days (4000 miles) later, E7 arrived at the Yukon delta. Surprisingly, the batteries held and the scientists were able to watch her leave Alaska August 30 and fly nonstop 7250 miles across the Pacific Ocean to New Zealand. The round trip adds up to 17,650 miles.

From Bruce Tannehill



Caring for Community

FAS Conservation Education will have a box at the next FAS General Meeting on November 10th to collect food for the Kalispell Food Bank for the upcoming holiday. We're doing this in partnership with the Northwest MT Educational Co-op. Please plan on bringing a canned or boxed food item to contribute. We educate and work with so many children and families in the Flathead; we wanted to give to those who may be in need at this time of year. From Nancy Zapotocki, Education Coordinator

Grants Received for Conservation Education

The Conservation Education Program has received several grants for education work this year. They include funding to develop and deliver programs, plus materials for the programs. We look forward to another exciting year of reaching the community with our conservation message. We received grants for:

- Conservation Education programs on local environmental stewardship with the theme of **Community Caring for our Local Lands and Wildlife** for schools, after-school programs and seniors, from Plum Creek Foundation. This grant includes funding to purchase a table for our portable educational display, a canopy for our materials for outdoor events and scanning the 35 mm slides from our *Common Birds of the Flathead* Education Trunk onto a CD for current technology use by educators and schools;
- Developing a **Wetland and Riparian Studies Trunk** and **Teacher Workshop**, in partnership with the Flathead Conservation District, from MT Dept of Environmental Quality. We are developing two trunks for loan to educators. One trunk will be housed at the Conservation District and one with FAS at the Northwest MT Educational Co-op;
- **Riparian Education**, in partnership with Flathead Conservation District, the lead on a project, from MT Dept of Environmental Quality. Cross-county coordinated television and newspaper advertisements on the importance of maintaining and restoring riparian vegetation. This will use materials already developed through Missoula Water Quality District. Other partners are: Gallatin Local Water Quality District, Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District, Ravalli County Environmental Health Division and Lake County Environmental Health Division;
- **10 pairs of binoculars and field guides** that are child-sized and child-friendly for use with children and family programs, from MT Audubon (purchased, already being used and a big hit!);
- **Forestry Expo 20th Anniversary revision of workbook** and correlating to Montana Content Standards, in partnership with the Northwest MT Educational Co-op;
- From Art Ortenberg for **Raptor Day in Memory of Rod Ash** (completed in Sept.).

From Nancy Zapotocki, FAS Education Coordinator

From Northern AZ Audubon Society's BlackHawk Watch: An estimated one third of all US endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges established using Federal Duck Stamp funds. Duck Stamps can be purchased at sporting goods stores & post offices.

Joshua Spies wins 2008 Federal Duck Stamp Contest

Joshua Spies, an artist from Wauertown, South Dakota, won the 2009-2010 Federal Duck Stamp contest with his acrylic painting of a long-tailed duck. There were 270 entries in this year's contest but only five entries made it to the final round of judging. Jim Hautman, native of Plymouth, MN, placed second with his acrylic painting of Canada geese, and Gerald Mobley of Claremore, OK, took third place with an acrylic painting of northern shovelers.

The Duck Stamp is a significant funding mechanism for the Fish & Wildlife Service to acquire land for the National Wildlife Refuge System. These



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lands provide critical habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. The lands are also open to the American public, and provide hunting, fishing, and environmental education opportunities. The contest to select the artwork involves the arts community, birders, nature enthusiasts, hunters, and stamp collectors. Since 1934, the Federal Duck Stamp program has raised more than \$750 million to purchase nearly six million acres of wildlife habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. The artwork can be downloaded from the link below.

<http://www.outdoorsweekly.com/assets/FederalDuckStampExport08/>



FLATHEAD AUDUBON BUDGET

From Bruce Tannehill, Treasurer



FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

ORDINARY INCOME

NATIONAL AND LOCAL DUES	\$4,363
RAFFLE	\$751
SALES (Seeds, bags, books etc.)	\$2,800
BEAUTY OF BIRDS	\$300
DONATION FROM ART ORTENBERG FOR RAPTOR DAY	\$1,519
OTHER DONATIONS	\$2,710
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,443

CONSERVATION FUND INCOME

BEQUEST FROM JACK AND RUTH WHITE	\$42,000
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ORDINARY EXPENSES

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	\$1,095
MONTANA AUDUBON	\$1,000
HOTSPOTS BROCHURE	\$1,898
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (NET)	\$109
RAPTOR DAY IN HONOR OF ROD ASH	\$1,394
PERMITS AND OTHER FEES	\$217
OWEN SOWERWINE EXPENSES (LICENSE)	\$1,052
MEETING ROOM RENT	\$484
SPEAKERS	\$125
WEB PAGE	\$638
TRAVEL TO STATE MEETINGS	\$59
COST OF ITEMS TO SELL AT MEETINGS	\$1,304
OFFICE - OTHER	\$279
NEWSLETTER PRINTING AND MAILING	\$3,770
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,424

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR	\$13,421
DONATIONS TO EDUCATION PROGRAM (SUSTAINABILITY FUND ETC.)	\$7,500
NET COST TO FLATHEAD AUDUBON	\$5,921

TOTAL ASSETS

	6/30/2007	6/30/2008
GLACIER BANK	\$4,077	\$8,175
WHITEFISH CREDIT UNION	\$15,486	\$47,220
MUTUAL FUNDS	\$60,568	\$52,529
TOTAL OF ALL ASSETS	\$80,131	\$107,924

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

	6/30/2008
OWEN SOWERWINE FUND	\$205
EDUCATION FUND	\$470
BARB BAXTER ACTION FUND (for short term projects)	\$4,614
CONSERVATION FUND (for long term projects)	\$87,985
OPERATING FUND RESERVE	\$14,650
	\$107,924



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