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The mission of our chapter is to: conserve birds, wildlife habitat and ecosystem diversity; promote awareness and appreciation of the natural world through education and advocacy; work with diverse groups and agencies to achieve sound decisions on natural resource issues; provide community services such as school programs, work projects, and field trips.

Performing this mission is not cheap. We have budgeted \$10,550 this year for activities other than education. The education budget is \$26,500, most of which goes to our Education Coordinator, the only non-volunteer working for FAS. About half of the education budget is paid for by The Sustainability Fund, without whose support we could never offer the educational programs we do. However, that still leaves \$13,000 for FAS to fund. For years we have maintained budgets of around \$12,000. This year we need over \$23,000. Moreover, we want the Educational Coordinator to continue into the future, so we don't see the need dropping in the future.

Our education activities are basic to performing our mission. The accomplishments of Nancy Zapotocki as Educational Coordinator have been fantastic. She is working with many other conservation organizations in the valley, giving programs at all kinds of meetings, writing grant applications, and keeping our bird trunks up-to-date. She has reached over 4000 people in the valley in the past year. We are most for-

tunate to have found Nancy and must find a way of funding her activities on a continuing basis.

We clearly have a funding gap and, as was mentioned in an earlier article in this newsletter, we've tried to get the Federal Government to tell us how this can work over a long period but they tell us that we need a printing press and authority to print FAS dollars. Since that won't work, we need to look at some fund raising ideas. We already received a \$3000 grant from Plum Creek and are exploring other corporate sources. However, we want to give our membership an easy way to help.

To this end, we are establishing a Special Gifts program. To participate, simply choose your bird from the list on the Special Gifts form and send with your check to FAS (either to our mailbox or to our Treasurer, Bruce Tannehill). Note that you can designate your contribution in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a special person in your life. Also, each month in *The Pileated Post*, we will publish the names of donors from the previous month.

Some of you have already made contributions when sending in your memberships and we certainly thank you for them. FAS has an interested, responsible and generous membership. Please support us in this new way.

From Mike Fanning, FAS President

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DECEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, December 8, 2008: General Membership Meeting. 7 PM, The Summit, Conference Room 3. Program by Dan Casey. Details on page 3.

Monday, December 1, 2008: Flathead Audubon Board of Directors Meeting. 6 PM at 295 Third Ave. E.N. All are welcome.

Come along on a Christmas Bird Count! Calendar and full details on page 5!



BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Marcy Mahr

Rough-legged Hawks are back!

Like me, you may have had to sit down with a field guide on more than one occasion to sort out the various hawk species that inhabit our area. Particularly challenging is distinguishing the subtle differences in plumages, which are confusingly similar. Birding field guides read, "plumage is extremely variable,... both dark and light forms are common, ... in the light morph look for,... with many birds intermediate between the extremes, ...in intermediate immatures also note..." And relative size is not always easy to judge; on days of poor lighting, I have often puzzled over: is it a Sharp-shinned or a Cooper's Hawk?

When the cool fall weather moves into the Flathead, most of our nesting hawks move southward. So long, most of you Northern Harriers and Sharp-shinned! Safe travels, Swainson's, and Ferruginous Hawks! See you next spring, Osprey!

And welcome back, Rough-legged Hawk! Rough-legs come down from their breeding areas in the far north to over-winter in the Flathead Valley. No tropical winter vacation for these hardy birds. Even on the most blustery days, they are the sentinels on our fence posts. They hover as they hunt in our fields, as if fixing themselves to an invisible sky hook and suspending time.

When I asked Dan Casey about what raptors he and other observers had seen during this fall's raptor migration at Jewel Basin, Dan said, "As we wound down the count for the season, it was clear that this is a good site for a number of birds, most notably accipiters, which comprised >50% of the season's totals." Dan noted that Rough-legs, which are typically rather unusual at inland hawk watch sites, had been rather uncommon in the Flathead until around the last week of October, although the first one passed the hawk watch site on September 25th. "We had immature, adult females and adult males. Our season total of Rough-legs ended up at 41, with 22 of those sighted on Sunday, October 26th." This makes Rough-legged Hawks the 7th most common of the 17 raptor species



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Dan and his crew counted this fall. (Please refer to Dan's article for more information on the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch.)

The Rough-legged Hawk is quite variable, with light and dark morphs, and differences between male, female, and immature plumages. Despite its wide variety of plumages, Rough-legs are typically brown above and paler below, with a dark belly and a pale head. Their broad, dark, subterminal tail band and black wrist patches are diagnostic, and the long white tail with dark band or bands helps to identify this hawk in all plumages. Adult males typically have multi-banded tails with broad blackish subterminal band. Adult females' tails are brown toward the tip with a thin black subterminal band, and immatures show a single broad brown tail band. Wings are broad and long, spanning about 52-54 inches. Seen in flight from above, the white at the base of the tail is conspicuous. Viewed from below, look for dark wrist patches, and legs feathered to the toes.

Did you know the Rough-legged Hawk, the Ferruginous Hawk, and the Golden Eagle are the only American hawks to have legs feathered all the way to the toes? In fact the name "Rough-legged" Hawk refers to this feature. Hence its scientific name, meaning "hare-footed", reflecting this hawk's adaptation to its arctic home range. Just imagine being Erik Pontoppidan, a Danish author, bishop, historian and birder back in 1763 who first described the Rough-legged Hawk. Whereas most hawks migrated further south for the winter, Pontoppidan encountered a hawk with feathery legs that flew down from the northernmost parts of Europe and remained in Denmark for the winter.

Rough-legged hawks are a good reminder of our connectedness to places far from the Flathead, and also that our valley can be a pretty good place to spend the winter.



Flatheadgame.idaho.gov



Montana Audubon Fundraiser Trip Rescheduled

The South African birding trip has been rescheduled with both a two week trip and, an optional extended one week trip in the Cape Town area. The 2 week trip is scheduled for October 8-21, 2009, with Eco Tours; the optional one week birding tour in Cape Town is October 1-8, 2009, with Eco-Tours of South Africa. \$500 per person will be donated to Montana Audubon. The trip is not strenuous with 3-4 star accommodation of Bed & Breakfasts. For information, call 406-431-9761 or e-mail mary.fay@bresnan.net.



December 2008 Program

A Christmas (Count) Carol

On the evening of the December 8 General Meeting, you will be visited by three ghosts...Well, not exactly. But our speaker, Dan Casey, will give us insights to Christmas Counts Past, Present and Future in his annual presentation, to prepare us all for the annual Christmas Bird Count season. Dan has been the compiler for the Bigfork count since 1986, and for the Kalispell count since its inception 10 years ago, and is the regional editor for all Montana counts. You can expect an entertaining mix of photos, count results, identification tips and anecdotes as Dan gives us his annual pep talk for the upcoming season. His growing collection of digital bird images will help illustrate the birds we have found, the ones we will see this year, and the ones that might show up in future years. You will learn what to expect when participating in a count, and how to make the most of a day in the field. This is always one of our most popular and "birdiest" programs of the year.

Please join Flathead Wildlife for this entertaining program on December 8 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of The Summit.

**Christmas Counts Coming Up**

This year's **Bigfork Christmas Bird Count** will be our **35th**, continuing our tradition as one of Montana's most productive, unpredictable and fun Christmas Counts. Since our initial count in 1974, we have found 142 species in the circle, including such surprises and rewards as Franklin's and Mew Gulls, Great Gray, Snowy and Northern Hawk-Owls, Pacific Loon, Harlequin Duck, Gray Catbird, Swamp Sparrow and Purple Finch. Our species count, usually the highest in the state, averages >80 per year, with a wonderful variety of waterfowl, raptors, finches, sparrows and woodpeckers. And with weather in the 60's and warm breezes...well, we can only hope. Because we have been at this so long, we typically rely on veteran group leaders to scour their usual areas, and are always looking for additional participants to join in to help us gain a better understanding of our early winter bird populations. We will begin preparation for the count at the December meeting, and will finalize groups before the count day, which is **Saturday, December 20th**. The count will once again be followed by our renowned potluck compilation dinner at the Bigfork Senior Center, starting at 5:30 PM.

Incredibly, Sunday, **January 4th** will mark the 10th anniversary of the "new" **Kalispell Christmas Bird Count**. This count has proven to be just as interesting as the Bigfork count, centered as it is to take in extensive riparian areas along the Flathead River, Lawrence Park, the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, the West Valley, Spring Creek in Evergreen, Lone Pine and Herron Parks, and the Smith Valley. We have already seen 101 species in this circle, including a new high of 74 species last year. Over 200 Pygmy Nuthatches, 65 Bald Eagles and 20 Wood Ducks highlighted that count, when we also found our first Eurasian Collared-Dove, Northern Pintail, Northern Pygmy-Owl and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches. Our traditional start to this count is a group breakfast at Finnegan's Restaurant on East Idaho in Kalispell, at 7:00 AM. It is here that we will assign circle segments and set up teams for the day's efforts.

Dan Casey is the compiler for both of these counts. If you are interested in participating, please sign up and leave your contact information at the December general meeting. You can also send an email to caseys4@centurytel.net.

**Area CBCs 2008**

Day	CBC Name	Contact (for information or to sign up)
Sunday, December 14	Ninepipes	Jim Rogers, 883-3611
Saturday, December 20	Bigfork	Dan Casey, 857-3143 or 756-2681
	Upper Swan	Steve Lamar, 754-2745 or Jody Wolff, 754-2880
	Glacier National Park	Susan Sindt, 892-7406
	Eureka	Lynda or Lewis Young, 889-3492
	Libby	Al Bratkovich, 283-7515
Sunday, January 4	Kalispell	Dan Casey, 857-3143 or 756-2681



"Learn as if you were going to live forever.
Live as if you were going to die tomorrow."
Mahatma Gandhi





BOARD MEMBER VIEWPOINT

From JILL FANNING, FAS Sales Director



thoughts by a lover of winter.....

Mike and I chose the Flathead Valley as a place to live as we grow older because of the beauty of winter here. Of course we love the winter activities: skiing, hiking in the snow, reading in the evening by the wood stove. But my favorite part is the silence of the outdoors. I love to watch the snow fall. I love to see the different kinds of snow "flakes". Some are round balls like Styrofoam. Some are wet and as large as quarters. Some are perfect crystals. Different types fall in different ways. My favorites fall slowly, gently, silently. Things get covered up, forgotten. The world becomes black and white. The rocks and cliffs show starkly; they seem to speak out to those who listen. A black, snow-dusted rock speaks in a slow deep tone and tells of ancient Earth, of times before the animals came shouting and scrambling. Bare trees draw pictures on the sky, dark pines wait, root-deep in sleep.

This is the time when external forms move toward a quiet state, death moves upon the land, energy is drawn inside. This is the time when the inbreath of life begins, a time of assimilation, of reflection. In the heart of winter, life exists in its most subtle form, in the seed, in the roots, in the mind of the human walking in the snow.

Then, as the cycle continues, the process of affirmation begins, spring is born -- the bursting forth of the bud from the soil, the bursting forth of realization from the soil of human consciousness. But not just now. Just now we walk in the snow, feeling our roots, hearing the rocks speak slowly.

In the deep sleep of winter's heart
seeds of life
stir, yawn, and settle down again
to dream this world.

Refuges and Wetlands at Risk

Are our precious wetlands and wildlife refuges at risk? At the present, Flathead Audubon Society is missing those direct links to inform us about the well-being of these rich habitats. We are in need of concerned members to head up either the Refuge Committee or the Wetlands Committee; these positions were recently vacated.

Montana is blessed with thirty-one National Wildlife Refuges. Those closest to us include Lost Trail (on Highway 2 West), Pablo (of recent Snowy owl fame), Swan River, Nine Pipe, National Bison Range, Benton Lake, Blackfoot Valley, Lee Metcalf and Rocky Mountain Front. The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge system is, according to their website, to manage a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and their habitat. Since President Theodore Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the system has grown to more than 96 million acres, 548 refuges and 37 wetland management districts. The refuge system, however, faces enormous challenges in achieving its wildlife conservation mission. Some of those threats, according to Defenders of Wildlife, are the cumulative impacts of pollution, habitat loss to agriculture and oil interests, low water tables due to ground water pumping as a result of adjacent development, invasive species and global warming. If we are kept abreast of some of these specific issues, our FAS membership can at least provide public input.

Isolated wetlands in Montana are in equal peril. Most are on private land and since many have no apparent surface water connection to any river system, they fall between the cracks and, in the absence of state legislation, lack any substantial legal protection. Unlike most states, Montana has never had complete digital maps of our wetland resource. In an arid state like Montana, these are key habitats for many plants and animals, but we don't even know where they are located. Montana's Wetland Council and other partners have established a program to map wetlands and riparian areas. This will be a great resource and we look forward to helping it become a reality.

Has this whetted your appetite for finding out more about our refuges and wetlands and ways we can support them? We hope that you will consider serving a one-year term as committee chair of either the Refuge Committee or the Wetland Committee. If you are inspired to be such a resource and to inform the FAS membership of your findings from time to time, please contact Mike Fanning (862-8070) or Linda de Kort (755-3704). Thanks.

From Linda deKort



LITTLE THINGS THAT MEAN A LOT



→ Please save your 2008 calendars that have bird pictures on them. Bring them to the January FAS General Meeting and give them to Nancy Zapotocki. The Education Committee will happily use them for presentations in local school classrooms.



→ When you sip that cup of coffee at the next Audubon meeting, remember that you are downing shade-grown organic coffee, provided at every meeting by member Lisa Disco. Here's to you, Lisa!

→ Nancy Zapotocki reports that, as a result of a small mention in *The Pileated Post*, those attending the FAS November 10 meeting donated 31 pounds of food to help the Food Bank during the holiday season!

→ Bringing your recyclables to the FVCC trailer on Audubon nights helps support a special scholarship for a local student. Take items to the west end of The Summit parking lot. Sort into the following categories:

- ◆ Plastics (#1 and #2)
- ◆ Cardboard, containers with grey or brown insides
- ◆ White paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, newspapers
- ◆ Aluminum cans
- ◆ Steel cans



→ A few words of appreciation from the Somers Middle School sixth graders' recent field-trip to Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, submitted by Ansley Ford who led the field trip:



Thank you so much for taking us on the trip to Owen Sowerwine. I thought that place was so peaceful and that's what made it so nice. My favorite part was the bird walk and not just 'cause you took us. I loved it 'cause I loved how we walked right on the side of the river. We were only four inches from the water. My favorite part of the walk was when we went up on that bench and looked out over the river. I also liked when we went out on that island or the other thing it's called (a peninsula...) and threw rocks in the water. Thanks again for taking us.

*Your friend,
Chade*

Thank you so much for taking us on the field trip. I thought the trip was much more fun then sitting at school doing work. My favorite part was walking along the river and scoping out and researching birds. It was really fun and I hope to do it again sometime. Thank you very much!

*Sincerely,
Levi*

Thank you for taking us to Owen Sowerwine. It was really fun to go in the woods. I liked learning and playing with my friends. I really had fun in your group because we walked around the water while bird watching. Thanks again.

*Sincerely,
Dylan*

Thank you for the wonderful fieldtrip. I had a great time bird watching. It was so interesting to see all of those neat birds. I liked all of the sessions. My most favorite was the game "Camoflaug". It was very easy for me because I was wearing camo.

*Sincerely,
Amber*

Hurry—Time's Running Out!



You only have until December 31st to buy sunflower seeds for your winter birds and help Flathead Audubon's activities and programs at the same time. Fly down to your local Western Building Center and stock up for the cold months ahead. While you're there, be sure to thank WBC for donating a portion of the profit from each bag to Flathead Audubon. We appreciate them and the birds do, too!



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

SPECIAL GIFTS

I wish to help make Flathead Audubon's vision a reality. Here is my contribution to the continued success of our chapter.

- ☐ Eagle Donation, \$1000
☐ Osprey Donation, \$500
☐ Snowy Owl Donation, \$250
☐ Merlin Donation, \$100
☐ Kestrel Donation, \$50
☐ My Own Vision, amount of my choice



The FAS activity which most interests me is:

- ☐ Education Programs
☐ Owen Sowerwine Natural Area
☐ Scholarships and Grants
☐ Field Trips and Outdoor Events

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!



Don't stand in line at 6 AM in the rain or snow! Don't fight crowds of crabby shoppers and screaming kids! This holiday season, give a gift that has real meaning and also benefits birds, wildlife, and your Flathead Audubon chapter. At the December FAS meeting, Sales Chair Jill Fanning will have her extensive holiday sales table, featuring gifts, 2009 calendars, bird books, and a flock of other great gift ideas. Our items appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. You won't break the bank, either. These gifts are priced modestly and all proceeds stay right here

with your Flathead Audubon chapter.

Early-birds welcome!



RAFFLE DRAWING AT DECEMBER MEETING



The winning tickets for the Flathead Audubon Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the upcoming FAS December meeting.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.

You need not be present at the December meeting to win.

Winners will choose from three prizes being offered this year:

- ♦ This pair of beautiful color sketches by Josh Covill – matted and framed.
- ♦ A large, hand-crafted Christmas wreath by Kay Mitchell.
- ♦ A sturdy, wooden walking stick made by Brent Mitchell.

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

Christmas Raffle tickets will be available at the December meeting before the drawing. You may also purchase tickets by mail prior to the meeting. Just send your name, phone number and the number of tickets you want, along with your check for the cost of 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. Jill must receive your request for tickets by December 5, the Friday before the meeting.

Many of you know Josh as Flathead Valley's premier young birder. The fine detail of his bird drawings attests to both his keen observational skills as a birder and his talent as a budding young nature artist.

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

Many thanks to Josh, Kay, and Brent for donating these exciting raffle prizes. And many thanks also to all who are buying tickets for this raffle. Your support for Flathead Audubon projects is crucial to their continued success.

Our Best Wishes to each of you for a wonderful holiday season, from your Co-editors, Linda and Kay!

Our Own River of Raptors: Highlights from the Jewel Basin

From Dan Casey

The first full season of hawk migration monitoring in the Jewel Basin north of Bigfork, sponsored by American Bird Conservancy with a grant from the Plum Creek Foundation, was a resounding success. At least 40 different people, most of them Flathead Audubon chapter members, contributed more than 500 person-hours to the effort, and from August 31st through November 1st we counted 2,114 individuals of 17 raptor species at the site (see Table 1). And most of us were treated to point-blank looks at Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, Golden Eagles and the occasional (and stunning) Peregrine Falcon or Northern Goshawk. Our best day was September 20th, when we had 163 birds of 12 species including 5 Peregrines. Best of all, we now know that we have a great monitoring site in our own backyard, and an enthused group of people who are already looking ahead to sharing scenic days on the ridge next year, with each other and the mountain goats.

Table 1. Hawk Watch totals, Jewel Basin, 31 Aug. – 1 Nov. 2008. Total effort was 41 days (240 hours of surveys), with an average passage rate of 8.7 birds/hr for the season.

Species	Total	Species	Total	Species	Total
Turkey Vulture	5	Northern Goshawk	50	Golden Eagle	474
Osprey	9	Broad-winged Hawk	2	American Kestrel	35
Bald Eagle	41	Swainson's Hawk	1	Merlin	21
Northern Harrier	44	Red-tailed Hawk	173	Peregrine Falcon	16
Sharp-shinned Hawk	780	Ferruginous Hawk	1	Prairie Falcon	7
Cooper's Hawk	302	Rough-legged Hawk	41	Other (Unidentified)*	112



*Small Accipiters (47); Large Accipiters (3); Buteos (11); Falcon (1); Eagles (3); Raptors (47)

Preliminary data from the site in 2007 indicated it would be one of the best places in the northern Rockies to monitoring passing accipiters, and this was indeed the case this fall. More than half of all the birds counted were one of the three *Accipiter* species: Sharp-shinned Hawk (780), Cooper's Hawk (302) and Northern Goshawk (50). Because so many of these birds fly within 50 meters of the site, we were able to classify adults and immature birds, giving some idea of nesting success in their northern breeding areas. Cooper's Hawks appear to have done the best of the three, with 53% juveniles. While 49% of the goshawks were young birds, only 33% of all Sharp-shinneds were young of the year. And we learned that the young birds fly earlier in the season; 82% of the immature Sharp-shinneds (but only 52% of the adults) were seen before October 1st.

Late in the season, Golden Eagles (474 total) dominated the flight, with a high count of 58 birds on October 15th. Although our season total of this species were well below those typically recorded at Nora Ridge (near Rogers Pass), the Bridger Mountains, or Mount Brown (in Glacier), the diversity of other raptors seen makes the Jewel Basin a valuable addition to the network of monitoring sites in the state. Our season-long passage rate of 8.7 birds/hour was comparable to Nora Ridge (8.6), where 2,905 raptors were counted this fall. But our two Broad-winged Hawks, while a pleasant surprise, didn't come close to their astounding total of 79, remarkable for western Montana!

As we look ahead to future years at the Jewel Basin site, we will learn from this year's effort. For example, we suspect we missed many birds (especially young accipiters) in early September, as our first full day on the 12th yielded a count of 128 birds. We learned that hawks could be flying anytime between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm, with peak passage generally between noon and 3:00 pm. We may try to run shifts next year, so that more hours of data can be collected each day. Depending on the weather, either black flies and sunburn, or bitter wind and snow could make it hard to spend more than 6 hours at the site. Bj Worth and Lisa Bate deserve special kudos for their dedication to the effort this year (they each experienced these weather extremes).

A final report with detailed summaries of this year's data will be available from Dan Casey at the Kalispell ABC office (dcasey@abcbirds.org) by mid-December. This holiday season, when you get out your new Audubon calendar, set some time aside in September and October to contribute to the 2009 effort!



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