



GIVE AUDUBON A CHRISTMAS PRESENT THIS YEAR!

This Challenge IS for the Birds



As an expression of their belief in the goals of the chapter, the members of the Flathead Audubon Board are challenging the membership to match their end-of-the-year donations. The Board has pledged a total of \$1605 to match dollar-for-dollar donations received from each of you. This is your chance to **double** your donation by having a board member pay for half. There is a special page at the end of your Pileated Post for you to use for an end-of-year donation. Your tax deductible donation will be used to support the educational program, Owen Sowerwine Natural Area and the many other valuable programs of our local chapter.



From Bruce Tannehill, Flathead Audubon Treasurer

Local 2013 Christmas Bird Counts:

To participate in any or all of these counts, contact the coordinator listed.

Count	Date	Contact Information
Bigfork	Saturday, December 14	Dan Casey, H: danielcasey55@gmail.com , 857-3143 W: dcasey@abcbirds.org , 756-2681 Cell: 270-5941
Eureka	Saturday, December 14	Lewis & Lynda Young, llyoung@interbel.net , 889-3492
*Libby	*Saturday, December 14	Kay Casperson, 406-293-7676
Ninepipe	Sunday, December 15	Brian Williams, bwilliams@montananaturalist.org , H: 721-1467 W: 327-0405
Glacier National Park	Sunday, December 15	Primary Compiler/Contact: Jami Belt, Jami_Belt@nps.gov , 888-7986 Co-compiler: Lisa Bate, Lisa_Bate@nps.gov , 888-7833
Upper Swan	Sunday, December 15	Jody Wolff, jmw4002@blackfoot.net , 754-4002
Troy	Saturday, January 4	Donald Jones, gr8gray@frontiernet.net , 295-4291
Kalispell	Sunday, December 29	Dan Casey, H: danielcasey55@gmail.com , 857-3143 W: dcasey@abcbirds.org , 756-2681 Cell: 270-5941

*This count was tentative at the time the *Pileated Post* went to the printer. If interested in this count, please contact Kay Casperson for details.



DECEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, December 9, 2013: Flathead Audubon General Meeting. Gateway Community Center, United Way Conference Room. Dan Casey presents Christmas Bird Count program. See page 3!

Monday, December 2, 2013: FAS Board of Directors Meeting. 6 PM at 295 3rd Ave. EN. All welcome.

Tuesday, December 17, 2013: Signs of the Season, 4:30-6:30 PM. Family Program (see page 7!)

January 11, 2014: Winter Trails Day, 9 AM - ? Audubon Family Field Trip (see page 7!)

All Christmas Bird Counts—see dates above!



BIRD OF THE MONTH

By Gael Bissell

WHO'S THAT BIRD UNDER THE GORGEOUS HOOD?

Have you ever heard a deep rolling frog-like call “pahwawaa... pahwawaa,” or hoarse, raven-like repeated croaks or gacks coming from water birds? These are the rare and odd sounds of the breeding male and female Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*), a common yet shy woodland duck of North America. In Georgia, folks call this species the “frog-duck” because of the male’s repeated call that sounds much like the local pickerel frog.

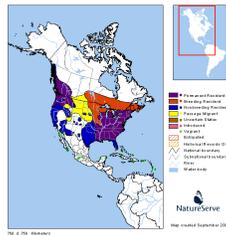
Hooded Mergansers are the smallest member of the North American merganser family (there is a smaller species in Europe known as the Smew). They are closely related to Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, and their larger cousins, the Common and Red-breasted Mergansers. Hooded Mergansers have small, short, but sharp serrated bills that they use to catch and hold small fish, aquatic insects, and their favorite, crayfish. They require clear water for foraging and their eyes have an unusual refractive property that the bird can change under water to help them detect prey. The most unique characteristic of the Hooded Merganser is their distinctive fan-shaped, collapsible crest that can make their heads look oversized and oblong in comparison to their small bodies.

Hooded mergansers winter along the east and west coasts and on large freshwater lakes that don’t tend to freeze in winter. They are less common in the southwest. Breeding takes place in eastern, northern, and some midwestern forested wetlands, both conifer and deciduous. As with Goldeneyes and Buffleheads, they nest in tree cavities, usually on small wooded ponds. The North American population of Hooded Mergansers is considered stable. Management focuses primarily on maintaining availability of nesting snags and trees across their breeding range.

Hooded Mergansers migrate through Montana each spring and fall, but we are fortunate that this species nests here in the Flathead on our small forested ponds and lakes. When these birds arrive in small groups in April and May, the males have already transformed from brown nondescript small diving



Photos: dickandpamwalker.com



ducks, looking much like the females and juveniles of this species, to magnificent colorful showy birds with impressive, shiny crowns with big white patches. Males typically display to females and other males by expanding their crest and jerking their head back across their back and croaking (as described above). Male Hooded Mergansers also sport black and white striping on their

backs, a white chest with two black spurs, and bright cinnamon colored flanks. The striking breeding plumage of the Hooded Merganser, like the colorful male Harlequin duck, is a photographer’s dream.

Females typically court the males by bobbing their tawny reddish heads and eliciting a hoarse gack described above. Females are overall dark gray and brown, cryptic colors important for nesting and raising young. In

flight, these small waterfowl have rapid but shallow wing beats that elicit a high distinctive whirring sound. Hooded Mergansers can be confused with Buffle-

heads, who also have white patches on their heads and are similar in size. However, Hooded Mergansers have darker bodies in comparison to the white body of the Bufflehead.

After breeding takes place, male Hooded Mergansers leave the area while the females nest in tree cavities or in Wood Duck houses. The openings are usually between 3-5 inches.

Like Wood Ducks, Goldeneyes, and Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers often lay their eggs in other females’ nests. This “brood parasitism” is different from that of the Brown-headed Cowbird, because these species will only lay eggs in nests of their own species. Female clutches can range from 13 up to 44 eggs as a result of this brood parasitism. The eggs are white, spherical and thick-shelled. The young typically leave their nest cavities within 24 hours of hatching. After these fluffy young drift down from their nests, they may need to walk up to a ½ mile or more with their mother to reach water.

Next spring when you are out bird watching on our wetlands, maybe you will hear the Hooded Mergansers croak like a frog or cack like a crow! Then you can say you’ve heard the only frog-duck in Montana!



December Program

Is it Really the Christmas (Count) Season, Already?



Jennie Marcure Photo

Our annual tradition of devoting our December program to preparations for the Christmas Bird Count will continue **Monday December 9**, as Dan Casey will entertain us with his photos and stories. Dan took over from Jean Robocker as the compiler of the Bigfork count beginning in 1989, and became the editor for all Montana counts starting in 1994. His talk will combine anecdotes, summaries of trends, some “virtual birding” and a wide variety of photos to help tell the story of early winter birds, from our local hotspots to state and continental scales. Hopefully, you will come away from the meeting inspired to participate in this longest-running volunteer survey effort. With record numbers of hawks the last few years, and with a variety of rare birds in the area this fall (e.g. Rusty Blackbirds, Pacific Loon, Glaucous-winged Gull), we expect another interesting and fun CBC season.

Bigfork Count Turns 40!

The 40th annual **Bigfork Christmas Bird Count** will be held **Saturday, December 14**. First established in 1974, the Bigfork count circle is centered at the “Little Brown Church” north of Bigfork, and includes more than 30 miles of the Swan and Flathead Rivers, the north end of Flathead Lake, and habitats varying from croplands of the Lower Valley to the spruce-fir and cedar-hemlock forests in the Swan and Crane Mountain foothills. We became the first count in the state to report 90 species (in 2011), and always find a diverse and surprising mix of birds, with nearly 150 species over the history of the count (Cackling Goose and Spotted Sandpiper were new to the list last year). This count typically depends on

veteran group leaders to scour their usual areas, and we are looking for additional participants to join in to help us gain a better understanding of early winter bird populations. We begin preparation for the count at the December 9 FAS meeting, and will finalize groups before the count day. Contact Dan at [dan-ielcasey55@gmail.com](mailto:danielcasey55@gmail.com), 857-3143, or 270-5941.

Kalispell CBC – Our 15th

The 15th annual Kalispell count will be held on **Sunday, December 29**. Centered at Reserve and Highway 93, the 15-mile diameter count circle includes Evergreen, much of the Flathead River corridor, including the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, Happy Valley, Herron Park, and the Kuhn’s Wildlife Area. This count has proven to be a popular New Year’s tradition. Last year we had a record number of participants (47), and found a record number of species (83), including our first-ever Ring-necked Duck, Common Loon, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Pacific Wrens (2), and Spotted Towhee. A Prairie Falcon and a Great Gray Owl were seen count week. This count is “young” enough that we still have much to discover. And yet it is “urban” enough to include the homes, bird feeders, and favorite birding spots of many of our members! Our traditional start to this count is a group breakfast at 7 AM; **this year we will again meet at the Montana Club on Highway 93 South**. It is here that we will finish assigning circle segments and field teams for the day’s efforts. If you are interested in participating, please sign up and leave your contact information at the December general meeting, or contact Dan Casey at his home danielcasey55@gmail.com (857-3143, 270-5941).

CONSERVATION SUCCESS OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER TO LAKE INITIATIVE AND NEW MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT FOCUS OF FLATHEAD LAND TRUST

Laura Katzman, Land Protection Specialist for the River to Lake Initiative, will also make a brief presentation at our December meeting. Laura will describe how the *Flathead River to Lake Initiative* has been working to protect key resources along the Flathead River between Columbia Falls and Flathead Lake and on the north shore of Flathead Lake over the past ten years. The results of this work are a success story that will benefit birds and the people in the Flathead Valley forever. Flathead Land Trust has also begun a new migratory bird habitat focus to protect bird habitat at the Flathead Valley scale.

Please join Flathead Audubon for a fun, festive December general meeting on December 9, at 7 PM, in the United Way Conference Room at the Gateway Community Center on US Highway 2 West in Kalispell. The Conference Room is accessed from the parking lot on the west side of the Center. Look for the green FAS banner! Enjoy cookies and coffee, visit with friends before the meeting, and find out which birds are being seen around the Flathead Valley! Start your holiday season with this present to yourself!

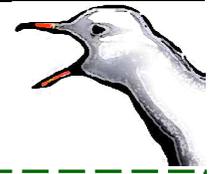




CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

From

Kay Mitchell for the Flathead Audubon Board



Highlights from November 2013 Board Meeting:

- ◆ Discussed strategies for updating the FAS website.
- ◆ Chose two additional Conservation Achievement Recognitions for this program year.
- ◆ Voted to support American Bird Conservancy's position statement regarding cats' impacts on birds.
- ◆ Finalized details of liability insurance policies.
- ◆ Heard a report from John Hughes on the MT Wetland Council annual meeting.

Full minutes of every Flathead Audubon Board meeting are printed on Flathead Audubon's website, www.flatheadaudubon.org, after they are officially accepted at the following month's meeting. Click on "About Us," then "Board Meeting Minute Archives." Take a look!



Editor's Note: Shortly before *The Pileated Post* went to the printer, we received word of the death of Chuck Williams, while elk hunting in Bend, Oregon. Chuck was a good friend of Flathead Audubon, serving on the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area committee, as a neighbor and supporter. His philosophies mirrored those of Flathead Audubon. He supported outdoor education for young people enthusiastically, sponsoring young hunters' pictures in the newspaper with the message, "It's better to take your child hunting than to go hunting for your child." We will miss his ever-present smile and upbeat attitude. Chuck Williams

left the world a better place because of his presence among us. We extend our sympathies to his family and other friends.

WORDS OF JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.

Jewel Basin Hawk Watch Season Finishes Strong

On November 5, bj Worth and Dan Casey made the last (and snowy!) trip up the ridge, for our 48th survey of the season in the Jewel Basin. This tied last year for the most surveys conducted, a total reached primarily because we had favorable weather for most of October. For example, we missed just one day between October 11 and 27 due low clouds and precipitation. Those late season surveys helped us to reach record number of Golden Eagles for our site, with an even 600 counted. The only other species with record numbers was Prairie Falcon, with 11 counted, but we also had above average numbers of Bald Eagles, Northern Goshawks, Red-tailed Hawks and Rough-legged Hawks. Thanks to all of the more than 35 people who participated in counts this year. A full report will be available by the end of the year (contact Dan Casey at dcasey@abcbirds.org).



Table: Survey totals at the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch, August 25 – November 5

Turkey Vulture	2	Broad-winged Hawk	9	Peregrine Falcon	10
Osprey	4	Red-tailed Hawk	207	Prairie Falcon	11
Bald Eagle	38	Ferruginous Hawk	1	Unidentified Falcon	1
Northern Harrier	22	Rough-legged Hawk	27	Unidentified Raptor	28
Sharp-shinned Hawk	747	Unidentified Buteo	18	Total Counted	2,145
Cooper's Hawk	269	Golden Eagle	600	Survey Days	48
Northern Goshawk	39	American Kestrel	58	Survey Hours	292.2
Unidentified Accipiter	43	Merlin	9	Average Birds/Hour	7.3

Owen Sowerwine Work Day



THINGS TO DO DURING A LONG MONTANA WINTER

BEAUTY OF BIRDS!

FIELD TRIPS!

WEST VALLEY NATURALISTS!

AUDUBON FAMILIES PROGRAMS!

GMO—OMG!



In conjunction with its Annual Conference in Kalispell, the Montana Organic Association will show the film, "GMO—OMG!" presented by producer Jeremy Siefert, on Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM at the FVCC Arts and Technology Building, Room 130. The public is encouraged to attend.



Sign up now for **Flathead Audubon's Beauty of Birds** class! With a focus on local birds, interesting speakers will walk you through basic bird ID, use of binoculars, bird calls and songs, and more. Then go on a field trip to a nearby "hotspot" to put your new knowledge into action! The class is fun and designed for people of all ages and levels of bird expertise. Cost is \$10 for the entire class series. Call Deb Newman at 751-3461.



West Valley Naturalists will have a program at the West Valley School library on December 5 at 7 PM. Ashley Mason will present information about area geology, with an emphasis on Glacier National Park. Everyone is welcome to attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Kim Davis at 755-1311.

Birding Classes On-Line



There has been a recent "explosion" of online birding classes from some of those that help define bird knowledge. Cornell Lab of Ornithology has not only advanced classes on shorebirds, they also are starting a line-up of "Be a Better Birder" series. The first of these is "Size and Shape" and another is "Color and Pattern." They are self-paced, interactive and you have access to the module for 6 months after registration. The registration fee is \$29. Links to the classes can be found on the Cornell Lab home page: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/courses/>.

Joining the ranks are Kenn and Kim Kaufman with a class "All About Hummingbirds" at www.backyardbirder.com. It includes tips on attracting and gardening for hummingbirds, videos, and quizzes. You can complete the class anywhere – even on your e-reader. The course is \$35. It is brought to you by *Birds and Blooms* magazine.



THANK YOU, ED PRACH

By Linda Winnie



Ed Prach has for many years been actively involved in Flathead Audubon and has been a good friend and hiking companion to many local outdoors enthusiasts. Recently Ed moved to California to live closer to family. We will certainly miss him.

As a young engineering student, Ed first fell in love with the Flathead in the early 1940s, when he landed a summer job at the site of a new dam being built just outside Hungry Horse. He spent three summers helping to plan and lay out new roads to replace those that would be flooded when the dam was completed and the Hungry Horse Reservoir filled.

After Ed retired from his job as field engineer for General Electric, he and his wife Carla moved to the Flathead in 1987. One of the first things they did was join Flathead Audubon, back when the meetings were still held in Bigfork.

Ed and Carla became regular participants in Flathead Audubon activities. In 1990, Ed was elected to the FAS Board of Directors. A year later, he took on the job of Program Chair. Ed served on the FAS Board for 8 years, and was in charge of Programs for 7 years. During that time Carla often helped out with Hospitality duties for the FAS meetings.

After stepping down from the Board and from his position as Program Chair, Ed continued to actively participate in Flathead Audubon activities – at first

accompanied by Carla, and then on his own, after she passed away in 2002. Ed has been a regular at Owen Sowerwine Work Days, and every summer he and Roy Dimond signed up as a team to do a scheduled Owen Sowerwine Volunteer Monitoring Visit. He routinely came to FAS meetings. When you looked around the meeting room, you were sure to spot him -- a shock of white hair, a wide smile, a twinkle in his eyes, chatting with someone about his latest hike.

Ed loves to hike, and has often been accompanied on his expeditions by Audubon friends such as Loren Kreck, Roy Dimond, and Barb Boorman. He is also a long-time member of the Over-the-Hill Gang, a Glacier Park hiking and climbing group, and in winter months has often explored southwest trails with the well-known Southern Arizona Hiking Club.

Along with Ed's love of the outdoors has come a commitment to the long term conservation of wilderness and wildlife habitat. Ed has been active for many years in the local chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association. He served as Secretary of the chapter for eight years, and participated in many of the board projects over that period. He made new friends and found good hiking companions in the group.

Thank you, Ed, for all you have done for Flathead Audubon and for the Flathead Valley. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm, your thoughtful guidance while on the FAS Board, your skill at securing intelligent and interesting programs, your consistent and vigorous help with Owen Sowerwine projects, and your many years of continuous participation and support of FAS activities. Flathead Audubon and your Audubon friends wish you very well in your new home.

For those who would like to stay in contact with Ed, here is his new address:

Mr. Ed Prach, c/o Frank Prach
968 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603.



SAVE THE DATE—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The 2014 Bird Festival is coming to the spectacular Gallatin Valley! Montana Audubon and partner Sacajawea Audubon are planning diverse field trips, a fun Friday evening kick-off event, dynamic speakers, and more activities to engage bird enthusiasts. The festival will be headquartered at Bozeman's Best Western GranTree Inn. Mark your calendars for June 6-8, and stay tuned for details!

Montana Audubon Offers Grants for Wildlife

Montana Audubon will be offering grants totaling more than \$1,700 to fund projects that benefit wildlife. Preference will be given to research and education projects benefiting nongame wildlife and their habitats. The funds can be used for mileage, supplies, equipment, printing, and communications.

Applications must be postmarked on or before Friday, December 13, 2013. Grant recipients will be announced by February 7, 2014. Project guidelines and the grant application can be requested from: Audubon Wildlife Fund, P.O. Box 595, Helena, MT 59624; by phone: (406) 443-3949; or from our website at: <http://www.mtaudubon.org/about/grants.html>.



Flathead Audubon Society is offering the following opportunities for families:

Each month we will offer at least one opportunity - so watch your email!



Signs of the Season

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 - 6:30 PM (Donations for materials are appreciated!)

Location: Linderman School at the NW MT Educational Cooperative

Take a hands-on approach to learning about the winter solstice and what it means for the natural world. We will talk about strategies that plants and animals use to survive long winters. Students will wrap up the program by making a winter lantern and going on a lantern walk. This program is geared toward families with children ages 6-12; however, all ages are welcome. Parents must accompany children. Contact Ashley at AudubonAshley@gmail.com or 270-0481 for more information and to sign up.

Winter Trails Day

January 11, 2014, 9 AM - ? Blacktail Mountain Cross Country Ski Trail (Free of charge)

This is a great opportunity to get your family outdoors! There will be free snowshoe use, and winter trail interpretation provided by the Forest Service and Flathead Audubon Society.

Bring snacks and water. Contact Teresa at Flathead National Forest [406/758-5218](tel:4067585218) twenum@fs.fed.us for more information.



Funding our Future

By Ashley Mason
Flathead Conservation Educator



This month we are appealing to all of you to help support our Conservation Education Program.

Now in its ninth year, our program reaches out to Flathead Valley students and adults to promote enjoyment and appreciation of our local natural world through hands-on learning and out-of-doors experiences, and to awaken a strong sense of stewardship for our natural places and wildlife.

Schools are facing reduced funding for field trips and outdoor experiences. Our children spend little or no time outdoors and are spending 30 or more hours a week in front of a computer or television screen. These trends are creating a new generation of young people who are disconnected with nature.

With your help, Flathead Audubon is working to put nature back into our children's lives. Your gift can spark a child's interest and love of nature and turn it into a lifetime of health, outdoor appreciation, and commitment to conservation.

Flathead Audubon Society's Conservation Education program is **the only staffed program offered by a nonprofit in the Flathead Valley that provides nature education free of charge.**

Each year, the demand for our nature education programs increases, enabling us to reach larger numbers of people and a greater diversity of audiences.

Last year, our Conservation Education Program **served 4,587 people** with a variety of school programs, teacher workshops and community events.

The breakdown looks like this:

- ◆ Family programs served 487 students, which represents about 11% of total programming.
- ◆ High School programs served 447 students, which represents 10% of total programming.
- ◆ Middle school programs served 439 students, which represents about 9% of total programming.
- ◆ Elementary school programs (Pre-K – 5) served 2,993 students, which represents about 65% of total programming.
- ◆ Adult (including elderly and teacher training) programs served 221 students, which represents about 5% of total programming.
- ◆ About 3,000 of these students participated in some sort of programming **out of doors.**
- ◆ We also helped install native plant gardens/ outdoor classrooms at four local schools, which represents 12,500 hours of student time and 320 hours of time volunteered by community members. These gardens will continue to provide a way for students to learn in the outdoors for decades to come.

Please help us continue providing community-based nature education and outdoor learning experiences to the students and adults of the Flathead Valley. **Our Conservation Education Program makes up 2/3 of our budget** and cannot be sustained by membership fees alone. It also takes generous donations from our members and our community. Thank you for your donation!



Your *Pileated Post* Editors wish each of our readers
Happy Holidays and a Birdiful New Year!





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