



GIVE BIRDS A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING

By David Yarnold and Gary Langham (September 9, *Washington Post*)

David Yarnold is president/chief executive of the National Audubon Society. Gary Langham is the group's chief scientist.

Maryland could lose the flashy orange-and-black Baltimore oriole — its state bird and the mascot of its Major League Baseball team — before the end of this century because of global warming. The common loon, Minnesota's state bird and an iconic species across much of the northern United States, may not be able to raise its young anywhere in the contiguous 48 states by 2080. The bobolink, a charismatic grassland songbird, could be pushed into the boreal forests of Canada, where it would be unlikely to survive. The District's official bird, the wood thrush, could move out of town. And the list goes on. The roseate spoonbill, the sandhill crane, the rufous hummingbird and the scarlet tanager are all threatened by global warming.

In September, National Audubon Society scientists released the largest and most comprehensive examination of birds and climate change ever undertaken in North America. The results are alarming. Of the 588 species studied, 314 will lose 50 percent or more of their current ranges by 2080 unless the greenhouse-gas emissions that cause global warming are significantly reduced. More than half our birds are threatened by global warming, and many will be driven toward extinction if we do not act.

Over the past seven years, our team has analyzed more than 30 years of bird observations from the North American Breeding Bird Survey, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count and data from leading climatologists in the United States



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and Canada. This intensive analysis gives us an unprecedented ability to project where birds are most likely — and unlikely — to survive in the future. Imagine: Within two generations, nine states could discover that their state birds are at risk. Our national emblem, the bald eagle, brought back from the brink of extinction when we banned the pesticide DDT, faces the prospect of a nearly 75 percent decrease in its current range in the next 65 years. The graceful white trumpeter swan, the friendly backyard brown-headed nuthatch and the coastal black skimmer could lose more than 99 percent of their current ranges. Dozens more species face similarly shocking declines.

Dire as all this sounds, the reality is likely worse. We don't yet have data for Central and South America, where many of our birds spend the winter. Some birds aren't well surveyed and couldn't be included in our study, and we took a cautious approach to processing the data. If we know for sure today that half our birds are at risk, it's likely that many more are as well. We examined the fundamental relationship between birds and climate variables, such as seasonal precipitation and temperature fluctuations. Every species has a tolerance zone for climate conditions. For example, humans would not survive long in Antarctica without appropriate gear or supplies. Similarly, if the climate gets too hot, too cold, too wet or too dry, birds will be forced to leave their homes.

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NOVEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, November 10, 2014. 7 PM. Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. Amy Seaman from Montana Audubon presents "BIRDS IMPERILED BY CLIMATE CHANGE."

Monday, November 3, 2014. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, 295 3rd Ave EN. All welcome.

Sunday, November 2, 2014. 8 AM. Mission Valley Early Season Migrants See page 5.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

Pygmy Nuthatch

by John Hughes

Seeking Pygmy Nuthatch? If you are fortunate enough to have a mature stand of Ponderosa Pine trees nearby or know where a good stand exists, then you are sure to find Pygmy Nuthatch. The Pygmy Nuthatch is considered one of the best indicator species for the overall health of bird communities in a Ponderosa Pine forest. Their numbers are directly correlated with snag and foliage density within the forest; interestingly, their numbers are inversely correlated with trunk volume implying they need heterogeneous stands of older well-spaced trees mixed with younger trees of intermediate ages.

The Pygmy Nuthatch, *Sitta pygmaea*, is the smallest of our three species of Nuthatch. It measures 4.25" long with a wingspan of 7.75". They are short-tailed, large-headed and long-billed. Males, females, and immatures are similar in appearance. Their crown is gray-brown with a dark eye-line marking the edge of the cap. The face is buff colored to buffy white. The breast and undertail coverts are buff, while the sides and back are bluish gray. Wing feathers and tail feathers are a darker bluish gray with the edges of the primaries white. Distinctive among the nuthatches, is their loud piping calls and constant chattering as they forage in the upper branches of Ponderosa Pines. As a matter of fact, you are as likely to hear them first as you are to observe them.

Pygmy Nuthatches feed almost exclusively in pine trees where they explore the whole tree for food. They travel and feed in loud, frenetic flocks crisscrossing the trunk to cover the tops, bottoms, and tips of branches using their bill to probe under and flake away bark in search of insects. They also glean insects from needle clusters and pine cones. For the most part, they seek out static prey, but on occasion, will hawk an insect. Pygmy Nuthatches consume beetles, ants, wasps, true bugs, and caterpillars. They also eat pine seeds. Unlike woodpeckers and creepers that use their tail to brace themselves on a tree trunk, nuthatches place one foot in front of the other using one foot to cling to the bark while the other provides the brace. This enables them to move up and down the tree trunk in search of food items. In winter they will feed in large flocks of related individuals and mixed species flocks.



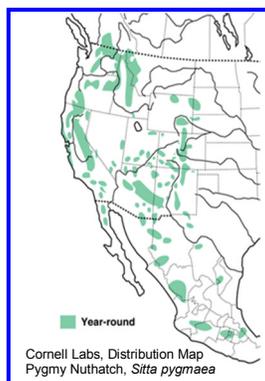
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This species is one of only a few cooperatively breeding passerines in North America. Almost half of all breeding pairs have one to three helpers to aid in the reproductive effort. The helpers are male progeny or relatives that usually stay with the adults and help for one year. Pygmy Nuthatches either excavate their own nesting cavity or use abandoned woodpecker cavities. Dead snags on living trees or dead trees are necessary for excavation sites. The male and female

pair shares excavation of the nest site equally. Sometimes the helpers will do some of the excavation. A nest cup is built of bark shreds, fine moss, plant down, fur, and other soft fibrous materials often including feathers. Eggs are laid in early to late May, incubation occurring between mid to late May, and hatchlings between mid May to the middle of June. The average

clutch size is seven eggs. One egg is laid each morning with incubation delayed until the last egg has been laid. The incubation period in Montana is 14.5-15 days. Females incubate the eggs but males and helpers roost overnight in the nest cavity. Males bring food to the female during incubation and help feed the young during development. Breeding pairs with helpers don't feed their young with greater frequency than pairs without helpers, but the helpers cut the high cost of feeding the young by decreasing the number of feeding forays the parents have to make. Breeding pairs with helpers successfully fledge more offspring than pairs without helpers and nest failure occurs more often in pairs without helpers.

Pygmy Nuthatches are one of our year round residents that have adapted to our often harsh winters.



Cornell Labs, Distribution Map
Pygmy Nuthatch, *Sitta pygmaea*

They are capable of controlled hypothermia and will communally roost in stacks of six, eight, and ten in protective roost sites. While they are extremely well adapted to their environment, the health of their populations is directly tied to healthy Ponderosa Pine forest. Degradation of their habitat is the number one concern. Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado list the Pygmy Nuthatch as a species of special concern based on its status as an indicator species for the health of Ponderosa Pine forests. Snag management and retention are important factors to consider in helping preserve this

species. Observing Pygmy Nuthatches is just plain fun – I hope you'll take some time to seek them out.



November Program

AUDUBON'S BIRDS AND CLIMATE INITIATIVE—AND US

Perhaps you have already heard about the “Audubon Report” on birds imperiled by climate change? The results from that study, released in early September, are alarming – 314 North American bird species on the brink. What are the implications for Montana birds and what can we in Montana do about it?

How can citizen scientists help, and how can we use “climate-smart conservation” in Western Montana as part of the solution?

Join Montana Audubon’s Amy Seaman on Monday, November 10, for a slide show presentation that highlights not just answers to these questions, but also a deeper look into the Audubon report, the largest and most comprehensive examination of birds and climate change ever undertaken in North America.

Over the past seven years, Audubon’s team has analyzed more than 30 years of bird observations from the North American Breeding Bird Survey, Audubon’s Christmas Bird Count, and data from leading climatologists in the US and Canada. This assessment gives us an unprecedented ability to project where birds are most likely — and unlikely — to survive in the future. We’ll look at the future of swans, loons, curlews, chickadees, hummingbirds, and more. And we’ll circle around to the status of climate change solutions. Much can be done locally for bird conservation—to create a better future for all.

Amy began working with Montana Audubon in the fall of 2013. She now takes the lead on our Important Bird Area (IBA) Program and works with colleague Amy Cilimburg on all things Bird Conservation for the organization. She earned her M.S. in Biology in 2012, during a teaching assistantship at the University of Nevada, Reno, studying the ecology of olfaction and foraging rodents in the Eastern Sierras. Her teaching experiences are varied, including several semesters assisting in field ornithology. Avian studies have been a focal point for Amy, taking her to Montana locations such as the Madison and Missouri Rivers, Charles M. Russell NWR, Bitterroot Valley, and Bridger Ridge. She also studied widely in Nevada and likes to call both states and most places outdoors home. She has traveled widely throughout the west, and currently resides in Helena with her husband and orange cat.

Learn more about this important topic at 7 PM on Monday, November 16, at 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. As always, coffee and treats, too!

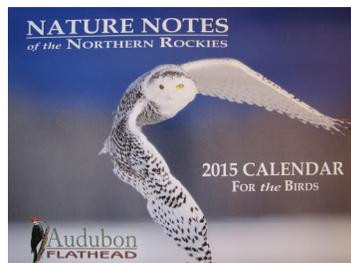


Common Redpoll (detail)
by Larry McQueen

FAS NATURE CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW!

Flathead Audubon’s 2015 nature calendar, “Nature Notes of the Northern Rockies”, is now available for purchase. **It makes a great Christmas present and all proceeds from sale of this calendar go to support the FAS Conservation Education Program.**

“Nature Notes” is a must for every outdoor enthusiast. It is a calendar about the stories of our natural world that are tied to certain times of the calendar year. It will help you learn about the chronological order of natural happenings here in Northwest Montana, with an entry for almost every day of the year. It suggests outdoor activities for every weekend that will deepen your involvement and appreciation of our natural world. Plus,



for each month it provides a brightly colored picture of a bird that may be seen locally that month, with information about the bird and its natural history. And it provides reminders of a host of Flathead Audubon activities throughout the year.

“Nature Notes” is available for purchase at the Flathead Audubon meetings. It can also be picked up at the Jane Lopp and Associates office – call Bob Lopp to arrange for pickup (752-7026), and is available in stores around town, including Snappy’s and Rocky Mountain Outfitters. For more information and to find out about other outlets, call Denny Olson (249-3987), who spearheaded this project. The cost is \$15.

To our renewing members:

Your Board of Directors offers you its sincere thanks for renewing your membership in Flathead Audubon. The financial support of our membership is essential for the organization to perform its conservation and education role. Our education program requires over \$20,000 annually, which around 2/3 of our budget. Without your help, we would need to discontinue this very valuable program. Thanks and please continue your support!

Mike Fanning , Membership Chairman

CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from October 2014 Board Meeting:

- ◇ heard report from the Owen Sowerwine committee about successful Work Day, weed issues and progress, and change of on-the-ground manager
- ◇ discussed ongoing issues with new website and developed some plans for dealing with them
- ◇ approved unanimously the interviewing committee's recommendation for new Conservation Educator
- ◇ discussed progress of calendar sales and plans for next year's calendar
- ◇ learned about Alvord Lake Proposal and took under advisement request for a donation
- ◇ heard report on the MT Audubon Board fall meeting in Polson, including plans for legislative lobbying, nomination/election of new National Audubon Central-North Regional Director, and reorganization of staff duties in Helena

Thank You, Richard and New OSNA Team Members

Richard Kuhl is stepping down from his position as On-The-Ground Manager for the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. Richard has served in this position for three years – taking care of such things as tending the OSNA trails and bridges, removing fallen trees and debris, pulling weeds, and taking care of signs, as well as organizing three fall OSNA Workdays, plus numerous small work parties. We will miss him! **THANK YOU, Richard** for your dedication to Owen Sowerwine, and for doing such a tremendous job!

Rick Mace will be taking over as OSNA On-The-Ground Manager. A new version of the Volunteer Monitoring form with Rick's contact information will be available soon. Meanwhile, just use the old version of the form and send it to Rick Mace, 535 Lower Valley Road, Kalispell, MT, 59901. See the back page of this newsletter for further contact information.

THANK YOU, Rick for taking on this job!

And Barb Boorman has agreed to take charge of restocking the OSNA kiosk with visitor brochures. The brochure has a map of OS-



NA on one side, and an OSNA bird list on the other. If you don't yet have one, you can pick one up at the kiosk. **THANK YOU Barb!**

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to the many people who have donated their time and talents to the maintenance of Owen Sowerwine this year – volunteer monitors, weed pullers, workday participants, other maintenance assistants, and members of the Owen Sowerwine Committee. Your efforts are what make it possible for Flathead Audubon and Montana Audubon to continue successfully managing the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Owen Sowerwine Team, please contact me: lindawin@centurytel.net or 755-1406. We are looking for volunteers for such occasional tasks as helping Rick with trail maintenance or weed pulling, assisting with sign design or sign posting, maintaining and upgrading the OSNA kiosk.

By Linda Winnie



WEST VALLEY NATURALISTS—NOVEMBER MEETING

West Valley Naturalists will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 7 pm in the small gym of West Valley School, 2290 Farm to Market Road, Kalispell. Pat McGlynn, Montana State University Agriculture Extension Agent, will talk about current research on new local crops. Among the crops that will be discussed are cherries, grapes and hops; many of these varieties are suitable to be grown in the West Valley area. Pat also directs the popular Master Gardener Program which is currently accepting applications for 2015. She will bring information about that program as well. West Valley Naturalists Programs are free and open to all. For more information, please call Jeanine Buettner 755-4733.

Field Trips, Reviews and Upcoming

All FAS field trips are free and open to the public and are geared for all ages and levels of field experience. They are led by area biologists, retired professionals, and some of the best birders in the region. For all Field Trips, dress for the weather, bring binoculars or spotting scope if you have them, wear sturdy footwear, and drive and pull off the road safely. For more information, contact Kathy Ross, 837-3738, or Gael Bissell, 261-2255, or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the FAS general meetings and on www.FlatheadAudubon.org.



OCTOBER 5 HAWK WATCH

On October 5, over 40 people joined Fishing Access Site for our Third Annual Hawk Watch field trip to Bad Rock Canyon to enjoy migrating raptors, particularly eagles. On this beautiful afternoon and from the comfort of their lawn chairs, viewers counted 35 raptors, including 14 golden eagles, 3 bald eagles, 3 red-tailed hawks, 1 northern goshawk, and many sharp-shinned and other raptors. Thanks to Kathy Ross, Craig Hohenberger, and Steve Gniadek for setting up spotting scopes and helping identify raptors as they crossed Bad Rock Canyon and to Dan Casey and Denny Olson for volunteering in the Jewel basin and sharing information with Kathy in real time. Hawk migration will continue through October and early November. You can volunteer or just stop by the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch site located about 500 yards north of the microwave tower below Mount Aeneas. Contact Dan at dcasey@ducks.org or you can stop at the House of Mystery Fishing Access Site to see many migrants on your own.

UPCOMING TRIPS

MISSION VALLEY EARLY SEASON MIGRANTS - NOVEMBER 2, 8:00 AM

Leslie Kehoe and Bob Lee will lead one of their favorite field trips to view early season migrants in the Mission Valley on Sunday, November 2. Meet at the Somers Park 'N' Ride at Hwys 93 and 82 at 8:00 AM. Note that this is **the day that daylight savings time ends so remember to "fall back" one hour the night before.** Bring your optics, lunch/snacks, and appropriate dress for the prevailing weather. Carpooling is encouraged and we'll stay until the birding wanes. Call Bob or Leslie at 837-4467 after 5:00 PM for more information.

Wondering if the Snowy Owls will return this year? Keep your eyes to the sky and watch the December and January Pileated Post for exciting winter field trips coming up after the holiday bird counts.

Wildlife Grants Available—Apply Today

Montana Audubon is offering small grants (\$500 maximum/\$1,700 total) for wildlife research and education projects, with an emphasis on nongame wildlife. Grants come from our Audubon Wildlife Fund of Montana endowment. The funds can be used for mileage, equipment, printing, and communications; the funds cannot be used for salaries, stipends, and personal equipment. In 2014, grants purchased equipment for research and education projects at Salish Kootenai College, helped fund a research project on Montana's vulnerable wetlands, and aided a Northern Hawk Owl study in western Montana.

To apply for an Audubon Wildlife Fund grant, visit our website (<http://www.mtaudubon.org/about/grants.html>). Applications must be emailed (preferred) or post marked by Friday, December 12, 2014. Grant recipients will be announced by February 1, 2015.

WEEDS AND RAILINGS

Despite the threat of rain, an activity filled weekend and an early 8:30 start 24 eager volunteers participated in the annual OSNA workday on Saturday September 20th. About 14 workers stepped over logs and wound their way thru thorny Hawthorne thickets searching for Houndstongue and Canada Thistle seed heads. Resembling cotton pickers dragging large bags behind them, they collected 34 huge bags of weed seeds. The rest of the crew carried lumber, tools and concrete blocks down to the two trail bridges below

the Greenridge trail head. Each of the bridges now has a 20 foot long railing. These new railings will increase the safety of the bridges when they are icy and snowy. Thanks to all the workers for another successful and productive workday.

By Richard Kuhl



Brent Mitchell

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Some species will be able to colonize in new areas as the climate in those places changes. But many birds will simply run out of suitable places to find food and reproduce as they push farther north, move to higher elevations or encounter unfamiliar habitats or new competitors.

So what can we do?

The situation may be grim, but it is not hopeless. To give birds a fighting chance, two actions are critical: Protecting the places that we know birds will need today and in the future, and reducing the pace and severity of global warming. The impact of climate change on biodiversity should become a key component of conservation planning at every level of government, from local land-use decisions to federal strategies for managing millions of acres of government property and parks. The fate of many of our birds will depend on their ability to colonize new areas as they become suitable because of climate change.

Conservation planning must take into account both the projected loss and potential shift in geographic ranges of bird species for the next 10 to 80 years. Our report shows, for example, that three-fourths of

the most important habitats for climate-threatened species are not protected or even being considered for protection. We can buy birds time by protecting those places that the report describes as "strongholds," areas identified as the most climatically stable for birds. They are the bridges to the future.

We also must address the root cause of the problem — global warming — by cutting the carbon emissions that threaten birds and people.

Why does protecting birds matter? We could give you pages of scientific and conservation reasons. But what sets these dramatic findings apart from other reports on global warming is the personal connection so many Americans feel to the birds we've grown up with and the memories their songs evoke, whether it's the wail of the common loon echoing across a fog-shrouded lake or the melody of a wood thrush on a sultry summer evening. Every one of us has a stake in preserving those connections for our children and grandchildren. Birds can't vote. They can't create a backyard sanctuary. They can't save the Everglades or Long Island Sound or the Prairie Potholes of the Dakotas. But we can.

WILDERNESS CELEBRATION

Several hundred people participated in the Go Wild! Wilderness Celebration at the Flathead County Fairgrounds on September 20. Numerous booths and activities celebrated the 50th anniversary of passage of the Wilderness Act. Many participants stopped by Flathead Audubon's booth, staffed by our conservation educator Ashley Mason. Highlight of the day was the keynote address by Stewart Brandborg. Thanks to Keith Hammer, this inspiring address is available on YouTube at http://youtu.be/O_s6ApF1PWg; or go to the Swan View Coalition web page for this link, plus a link to the transcript of the address.

During the rest of 2014, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of passage of The Wilderness Act, we will offer quotes honoring our wilderness heritage, like the following:

"Wilderness itself is the basis of all our civilization. I wonder if we have enough reverence for life to concede to wilderness the right to live on?" - Mardy Murie, known as "Grandmother of the Conservation Movement," wife of Olaus Murie



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- ⇒ WE PROMOTE AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.
- ⇒ WE WORK WITH DIVERSE GROUPS AND AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE SOUND DECISIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.
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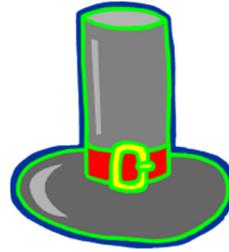


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The Duck Stamp program is a highly effective conservation program. The proceeds support National Wildlife Refuges - it was formerly called the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp - which explains it all. If you are one of the many non-consumptive users of National Wildlife Refuges, you don't have to pay a thing. But think about buying one of these \$15 stamps. Think of it as your annual "refuge pass." We all have a common goal of habitat protection and healthy bird populations. When habitats are shrinking, this is one small thing we can do for the birds relying on National Refuges. You can buy the stamps at a US Post Office. You can even purchase it conveniently at www.abcbirds.org (American Bird Conservancy) (it is not a fundraiser for the ABC, they just want to make non-hunters voices heard).



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