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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 5:30 PM Executive Board dinner/meeting at North Shore Lanes
- 7:30 PM Business meeting, downstairs mtg. room, Flathead Bank of Bigfork.
- 8:00 PM Program: Dr. Riley McClelland will share his expert knowledge concerning birds and other wildlife dependent on old growth forest habitat.

Field Trip (details follow)

Newsletter deadline. Send articles, materials, comments and notices to Box 715, Bigfork, MT 59911

WILDERNESS PRESERVATION

Flathead Audubon Society, because of its interest in habitat preservation is supporting wilderness designation for certain areas in Montana. You can help this effort by sponsoring a pot-luck for friends at your home. We will show a slide program of the Swan Range and North Fork and ask each of those present to write a note to the Montana delegation. For more information please call me at home in the evening. Thanks for helping to keep Audubon a strong and respected voice in the valley.
 ...Dave Hudak (755-3752)FAS Board

FIELD TRIP

Our Bond Creek hike was postponed. We plan to hike/ski up Bond Canyon as far as comfortable for a day hike. We will travel through prime old growth forest and perhaps see some thrushes returning to the valley. Meet at the Alpine Cafe in Swan Lake at 8 AM. Call John at 892-3543 for more information.

A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIAL

Flight of the Whooping Crane, will be premiered on KUED on April 4 at 8 PM and re-aired on April 7 at 6 PM.

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Of interest to Audubon Members, because an unreviewed subdivision is a subdivision where impacts on wildlife have not been considered:

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a meeting for the public to inform them of the Criteria for Determining Evasion of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act on Tuesday April 3rd at 7:30 PM in the Flathead High School lecture room. These criteria have been proposed to the County Commissioners by the County Planning Board, because 85-90% of the subdivisions in Flathead County are not going through the review process! Many of these are illegal uses of the exemptions in the Subdivision Act. The commissioners will not adopt these criteria unless there is a good showing of public support for them.

Robb McCracken, of the State Department of Commerce, will be speaker, explaining the background of subdivision law in Montana. A realtor will present their point of view.

1984 BIRD SEED SALE.....PEOPLE NEEDED TO MAKE IT WORK

According to the latest Audubon Leader, "many chapters have discovered the fund raising possibilities of birdseed sales..." Although we sold only sunflower seed last year, some chapters have diversified by selling wild seed mix, white millet and other seeds. In our first year we sold 212 50 lb. bags, netting our chapter \$361.00. This was despite the fact that the cost of seed went up \$1 per bag from the time we received an estimate and set the price, to a month later when we actually ordered! Many volunteers came forth to help with distribution. The cost of the seed from Agway, Inc., North Dakota, was \$8/bag, plus \$4.18/bag shipping with Garrett Freightlines. The seed sale committee for 1984 has the option to use these same sources or find a better deal, and perhaps sell other types of seed. Most people who ordered last year indicated that they should have purchased more. Although selling actually takes place beginning with the September newsletter, a person or committee should begin planning now. This is a great way to help the Flathead Chapter... and the birds...simultaneously. Since last year's chairperson is expecting a baby in September, we are anxious to find her replacement soon. If YOU can take on this short term, worthwhile job, please call Thea (837-4284) or speak to Lynn Kelly at our next meeting.

THE GLACIER INSTITUTE: A new outdoor program in Glacier National Park for the scientist, artist, teacher, and inquisitive summer visitor! A series of nine summer courses will be offered in the park this summer, lasting either 2 or 4 days, beginning July 9-13 and ending August 18-19. Incidentally, this last class, Teaching in the Outdoors, is being taught by our own Janet Bones, who holds a masters degree in Environmental Education. All classes are taught on-site in Glacier Park with an emphasis on outdoor learning. Spend a weekend or a week exploring the park and expanding your interests in natural sciences, art, photography, history or education. Courses can be audited or taken for lower division college credit through Flathead Valley Community College. All credits apply toward teacher recertification in Montana. FVCC is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. For further information contact: Glacier Institute, Flathead Valley Community College, Number one First Street East, Kalispell, MT 59911 (406) 755-5222.

MAMMAL DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

A list of recent additions to the book Distribution of Montana Amphibians, Reptiles and Mammals is in preparation and should be ready for distribution by May 1st. The book, published by the Montana Audubon Council in 1982, was intended to promote interest in nongame wildlife and to serve as a mechanism for compiling and disseminating new information on the distribution of mammals, reptiles and amphibians. It follows the "latilong" distribution mapping system developed and made popular by the late P. D. Skaar in his book, Montana Bird Distribution. The mammal book has been very successful in stimulating interest in many of the lesser-known nongame species; since it was published in 1982, over 175 new distribution records have been collected. Anyone having new distribution records to report should send them to Larry Thompson, 101 Pine, Helena, MT 59601 before April 15th in order that they may be included in the 1984 update, which will be available May 1st. Persons wishing to receive a free copy of the update list can obtain one by writing to the address listed above.

Dr. Skaar's Latilong Work to Continue

The passing of Dr. P. D. Skaar has left a significant void in the ranks of Montana birders. His work with Montana bird distribution has been interrupted, but will be continued so as to add to our knowledge on the status and distribution of Montana birds. An editorial committee has been formed for the purpose of publishing the revised third edition of his book, Montana Bird Distribution. The editorial committee is composed of Don Skaar, Larry Thompson, and Dennis Flath. The third edition will be available in 1984, and plans are underway to continue Dr. Skaar's work in future years.



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YELLOWSTONE INSTITUTE

An interesting field trip will be conducted by the Yellowstone Institute from Thursday evening, July 20, until Sunday afternoon, July 22, featuring among other aspects, birds of Yellowstone Park. The cost, including primitive lodging but not the cost of food will be \$65. The Y.I. is headquartered at the Lamar Ranger Station (old Buffalo Ranch) on the northeast entrance road to the park. This meeting is sponsored by the MT Audubon Council, and reservations and checks should be sent to Cary B Lund, 425 Clarke St., Helena 59601. The fee, incidentally, also covers park entrance charge.

The Yellowstone Institute will sponsor a thrilling variety of courses and seminars this summer in Yellowstone Park. For complete catalogue you may write Rick Reese, PO Box 1186 Helena, MT 59624.



MONTANA AUDUBON COUNCIL

The spring meeting will be held in Dillon, April 27th-29th and will feature a wine and cheese party, bird walks, business meetings, election of officers, and a trip to Red Rocks Lake. Information on accommodations will be coming soon. Registration is \$10.

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