



Lois Drobish

recognized for
 Outstanding Service to Flathead Audubon

At our December public meeting, Flathead Audubon will honor Lois Drobish for her outstanding service to this Chapter. If her health does not allow her to attend the meeting, several Board members will take the Certificate of Recognition to her in the days before. We'll be sure to take some good pictures of the presentation, and share them with members at the December meeting and in the January newsletter.

Lois has served Flathead Audubon in various capacities for 20 years. She began her service in September 1998 when she signed on to be part of a 3-member Hospitality Committee, working with Tracy Schiess and Pattie Brown. The duties of the Hospitality Committee can keep three people pretty busy. The Committee provides a Greeter for Flathead Audubon's monthly general meetings, organizes the donation of treats and makes sure donors got proper thanks and recognition at the meetings, provides member name tags for the meetings, oversees the set up and re-stacking of chairs in the meeting room, organizes arrangements for the yearly May potluck, and oversees the post-potluck cleanup. When in 2004 the Committee dwindled to 1 member – Lois, she took on all of these jobs – with grace and a smile. Last year Cory Davis joined the Committee to help with the chairs job. But she kept on with all the rest. As of September this year, Lois has been taking care of Hospitality tasks for 20 years, and in the course of this has attended all but a couple of



Linda Winnie photo

the chapter's general meetings since 1998.

About 10 years ago, Lois also began participating in the Flathead Audubon Board meetings.

Though not a member of the Board, Lois kept the board informed of Hospitality Committee activities and needs, and provided our Board with a valuable historical perspective on many Flathead Audubon issues. She consistently brought our attention to national issues. One of her special projects was to provide milkweed seed packets to Flathead Audubon members to help Monarchs and other pollinators.

Lois has also been a long-time participant in the chapter's Owen Sowerwine Work Days. Since the first work day in 2002, Lois has been in charge of the sign-in table for work day volunteers. The sign-in sheets she oversaw provide an accurate record of how many volunteers have participated each year, and who they were. And Lois made sure that every work day volunteer signed back in at the end of the work day session, so she could verify that all volunteers were back safe-and-sound from their work in the field. Lois has missed only one work day in the 16 years since they began.

As her years of service have continued, Flathead Audubon has become a second family to Lois, and she has become a valued friend to many of us. We have come to appreciate her kindness and generosity, and to enjoy her sense of humor and her ready smile.

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DECEMBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

Monday, December 3, 2018. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. All welcome.

Monday, December 10, 2018. 7 PM Flathead Audubon General Meeting, Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. All welcome. See page 3.

Saturday, December 15, 2018. Bigfork Christmas Bird Count, see page 3 for details.

Sunday, December 30, 2018. Kalispell Christmas Bird Count, see page 3 for details. See page 6 for other Christmas Bird Count dates.

BIRD OF THE MONTH

Snow Bunting

By Jeannie Marcure

This month's feature bird visits the Flathead in winter, seeking relief from the harsh weather of its breeding grounds in the tundra and has the distinction of being the only winter songbird in our area that is mostly white. A circumpolar bird, the sparrow-sized Snow Bunting breeds farther north than almost any other land bird, and its appearance in our part of the world heralds the approach of winter. Look for small flocks of these white beauties in open fields and along shorelines, where they feed mainly on seeds by walking or running along the ground. According to Radd Icenoggle in his book *Birds in Place*, the winter flocks roost together on the ground in tight, huddled masses, sometimes burrowing into the snow for insulation; they are often seen "bathing" in the snow.

While visiting the Flathead, Snow Buntings are most easily identified in flight by their large white wing patches. The wintering male is white overall with a buff, streaked back, a white rump patch, black wing tips and a yellowish-orange bill. The female is similar, except that she is more brownish and lacks the rump patch. The wintering flocks are alive with buzzy calls and whistled "tew" notes.

Cornell Labs' Online Bird Guide says that the male Snow Buntings return to their Arctic breeding grounds in early April when the temperatures can still dip to -20° F and snow still covers most of the ground. Soon after their arrival, the males set up and defend territories that include good nesting sites. However, they will still flock together to forage and usually roost in loose groups of 30 to 80 birds. The females do not return until four to six weeks later.

In breeding plumage, male Snow Buntings are almost pure white except for their black back, central tail and primary wing feathers. After the arrival of the females, the Snow Buntings place their nest deep in cracks or other cavities in rocks.

These secluded sites are chosen to avoid predators such as Arctic Foxes and Snowy Owls, and, although they are relatively safe from predators, the rocks are extremely cold. For this reason, the open cup-like nests are lined with a thick layer of fur, lichen and feathers to help keep the eggs and nestlings warm. Also, the female must remain on the nest for most of the incubation period and the male feeds her during this time. The 2-7 eggs are creamy white with various brown spots and scrawls. Incubation takes 10-16 days and newly hatched ba-

bies are helpless, with long, gray-brown down. Both parents share the responsibility of feeding the babies for the 10 to 17 days until they fledge.

Although breeding and non-breeding males

look quite different, the Snow Bunting has only one molt per year and no true "alternate plumage." After the molt, which occurs in late summer, the male looks brownish with a brown and black striped back. Underneath the colored feather tips, the dark feathers are pure black and the body feathers are all

white. The male wears off all the feather tips by actively rubbing them on the snow until he is immaculate white and jet black by the time the next breeding season arrives.

In 2005, the area Christmas Bird Counts recorded 2 Snow Buntings in Bigfork, 35 in Kalispell and 200 in Eureka (in 2016, 28 in Bigfork, 15 in Glacier NP; in 2017 just 1 in Kalispell), so keep your eyes peeled for these interesting visitors as you drive around the valley this winter. The farmlands in

Lower Valley and West Valley are among my favorite places to search for these rather tiny birds. Although

they're somewhat hard to spot while on the snow-covered ground, watching a sizable flock swirling over a field in winter can be a spectacular sight. Snow Buntings and the chance to see them are one of the reasons that the Flathead Valley is such a great place to live!

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THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA



December Program

Christmas Bird Counts in the Flathead

Presented by Pete Fisher and Craig Hohenberger

As we roll into December, it is once again Christmas Bird Count time!

Join Craig Hohenberger (Bigfork CBC compiler) and Pete Fisher (Kalispell CBC compiler) on Monday, December 10th for a presentation that will combine summaries of trends, some "virtual birding" and a wide variety of photos to help tell the story of early

winter birds in the Flathead valley. Hopefully, you will come away from the meeting inspired to participate in either (or both) the Kalispell or the Bigfork CBC's.

Please join us at 7 PM in the United Way Conference Room of the Gateway Community Center, off US Highway 2 West in Kalispell. The program is free and all are welcome.

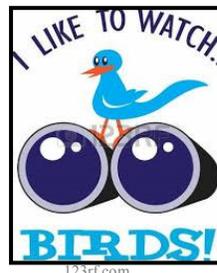
Bigfork CBC

The 45th annual **Bigfork Christmas Bird Count** will be held **Saturday, December 15th**. First established in 1974, the Bigfork count circle is centered at the "Little Brown Church" north of Bigfork, and includes >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. This count typically depends on veteran group leaders to scour their usual areas, and we 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 10th general meeting, and will finalize most of the groups before the count day. Also, there will be a gathering at 8 AM on the morning of the count at the Flathead Brewing Company parking lot at 116 Holt Drive in Bigfork to make any last minute arrangements. The group will gather again at Flathead Brewery at 5 PM to review the group's results. Contact Craig at soleado2003@yahoo.com or 406-890-1629.

Kalispell CBC

The 20th annual Kalispell count will be on **Sunday, December 30th**. Centered at Reserve and Highway 93, the 15-mi 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. 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 7:00 AM; **this year we will meet at 4B's Restaurant (formerly Finnegan's) at 660**

East Idaho St in Kalispell. 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 Pete Fisher at fisherpete88@yahoo.com or 406-250-9624.



CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

Highlights from November 5, 2018 Board Meeting

- ◆ Laura Katzman and Paul Travis of Flathead Land Trust gave a presentation about the Flathead River Conservation Project. They are working on fundraising to match large grants to fund their project. The area provides habitat for about 150 bird species.
- ◆ The Education Committee met in Whitefish at the Center for Sustainability, where they did some work on the school ambassador program and the new chickadee trunk, and clarified their priorities for the year. In addition, Denny Olson has worked with students of the Montessori school to flag the new location of the connector trail and is completing the DNRC application in order to receive approval so work can begin on the trail.
- ◆ The Membership committee wants to remind you to renew your membership, if you haven't yet.
- ◆ Christmas Bird Counts in Bigfork and Kalispell will be the December program and field trips.
- ◆ The Website Committee has done some work to make our website easier to view through mobile viewing and to improve the organization of menu items.
- ◆ The Grants Committee is starting work on grants for the next year.

Members vs. Board Challenge

December brings financial appeals from almost every organization under the sun. Your mailbox is probably as packed with them as mine is. Sometimes I'm not even a member of the organization wanting my money. And once in a while, I haven't even heard of the organization. I'm always tempted to "save the world," but then I remember some of the best advice. "Think Globally, Act Locally." I pick up my pen and write a check to my local organization that I get to watch doing great things all year long – Flathead Audubon of course.

This year, we are again doing a "Members vs. Board" challenge. Our goal is \$6,000 (but, of course, if we go over that amount, we're sure not going to turn it down.) Last time that we ran the Challenge, the Membership won. If you want to be on the winning team again, just feel free to donate lavishly!

Flathead Audubon is probably the most trans-

parent organization in your pack of memberships. You get to see us out on the landscape, in classrooms, at events and on the Outdoor page of the Daily Inter-Lake. All of our donated dollars are used only for our mission of birds, education and conservation. Our balance sheet and budget are always printed in our newsletter, all meetings and all activities are open to the public, and we even put our home phone numbers and email addresses out there for anyone to contact us. No secrets, no fancy limousines!

So as we close out 2018, I encourage you to help your local Audubon chapter continue to do great things right in front of your eyes. Please make a donation to help keep local kids (and adults) excited about birds and nature here in our own back yard. That, in itself, is quite a challenge!

Many thanks for your help!

Kay Mitchell, President

Jewel Basin Hawk Watch 2018—a Very Different Season

After more than ten years of experience monitoring fall migration of raptors in the Jewel Basin, we should typically see about 2,600 raptors (mean, 2,598) on about 45 survey days between the end of August and early November. This year we once again conducted 45 surveys, although our average survey length of 5.7 hours was our lowest ever, as was our average passage rate of 6.4 birds/hr. And while we (remarkably) had only five days where weather precluded surveys (before our season ended on 26 October), we unfortunately missed conducting surveys on 14 days where conditions were suitable but no survey was conducted. These factors, perhaps in combination with natural events, led to our lowest ever season count in total of 1,637 birds. But the birds once again put on a good showing for those who made the trip! One bonus for much of the latter half of the season was a large grizzly bear feeding on the "grassy knoll" during many surveys, well over a mile away.

Sharp-shinned Hawk was once again our most abundant species, but with just 686 counted (10-year average: 1,189). Indeed, we had below average counts for all but Bald Eagle (54) and Merlin (24), and our lowest ever totals of Cooper's Hawks (215) and



BJ Worth

Peregrine Falcons (3). We have now tallied 27,886 raptors in 11 seasons at the Jewel Basin site, including more than 17,000 accipiters and 5,000 eagles. Our annual report, which will be completed this winter, will include analysis of trends over the years and within species. It will be interesting to see, for example, if observed age ratios point to widespread low reproduction this year, and what role that might have played in our reduced count totals.

Thanks to all who participated this year, notably those who served as primary observers: Lisa Bate, Jake Bramante, Nickie Broesel, Dan Casey, Cory Davis, Diane Lundgren, Doug Mead, Kathy Ross, Barbara Summer, Rod Walette, and BJ Worth. Their dedication keeps this valuable effort going. But as evidenced by the fourteen days

we missed, we can always use more volunteers for this long-term survey at one of Montana's premiere hawk migration sites!

If you would like more information about the Hawk Watch, contact Dan Casey at 406-270-5941 or danielcasey55@gmail.com. A more detailed final report will be provided to Flathead National Forest and the Flathead Audubon Board of Directors early in 2019.

by Dan Casey



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Conservation Educator's Niche

By Denny Olson

Most of us spend either a little or a lot of time out watching birds. We do it because we like it, and that fact often traces back to our childhood. A lot of us played outdoors – in my case, quite a bit. I was lucky enough to be where nature was nearby. It just felt good to be out there, but I was oblivious to all the positive effects of experiencing nature lurking in the background.

Richard Louv, in 2005, published Last Child in the Woods, the manifesto on an unrecognized problem with the way many American children grow. He dubbed it “nature deficit disorder” – the disconnect between children and nature in our multimedia world. The effects of that separation have proven to be stunningly unhealthy for children in our culture. Lack of simple outdoor play in a natural environment has been implicated as, at very least, a contributing factor (if not a root cause) for increased obesity, lower vitamin D levels, cardiovascular disease in adulthood, increased diabetes, increased chance of depression, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), reduced cognitive, creative, problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills, lower school achievement, lower self esteem, and an earlier death. These evidence-based effects cost you and I billions of dollars in unnecessary health care costs.

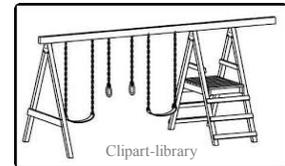
Conversely, children allowed, or even encouraged, to play in natural environments, had much less of the above, but the positive affects included better balance and coordination, higher fitness levels, better distance vision, lower levels of ADHD behaviors, higher creativity, better observation skills, and better reasoning. Put simply, children allowed to experience nature on a regular basis are healthier, happier and smarter.



Studies about nature's effects on stress and health are a growth industry worldwide. In England, an 18-year study showed that those who lived nearer green space reported less mental distress (*after* adjusting for variables, like income, education and employment). In the Netherlands, scientists found lower incidence of 15 diseases – including diabetes, depression, anxiety, heart disease, asthma and migraines, in those people who lived within a half-mile of green space. In Scotland, epidemiologists found the same results for those who lived near green space – *even if the study subjects didn't use the natural areas* – and

the lowest income people benefitted the most. In Toronto, those with more trees on their city block showed lower levels of stress hormones and mortality, and better heart and metabolic health. Studies in Sweden, Japan, San Francisco, Finland, South Korea, Switzerland and Riker's Island Prison in New York City all show parallel results. Indeed it has been shown multiple times that being a hospital patient with trees and other plants outside the window decreases recuperation time.

Free play at schools is called recess. Evidence-based studies have shown – since the 1800's, that people learn better with *distributed* effort, punctuated by breaks in the learning process. Recess has been shown to increase focus, improve the immune system, increase Vitamin D (which increases learning and productivity), reduces stress (especially in children mildly or overtly hyperactive), helps to mature socialization and perfect communication, reduce obesity and improve overall wellness, and “light up the entire brain” with aerobic activity. Physically active children improve their academic performance, have a better attitude about school, and – ahem -- improve their test scores.



And yet, schools are eliminating recess because it wastes valuable time preparing for standardized tests, and kids are spending increasing time in front of a screen, now at an average of seven hours per day – just a bit more time than they spend in their recess-less schools. And, in some classrooms, they watch a “smart board” (read: another screen, only bigger) for a considerable part of their school day.

Indeed, recent budget cuts in our local Kallispell elementary schools have put pressure on administrators to eliminate some, or all, field trips into the natural outdoors. This is the ironic background situation to us at FAS building boardwalks and trails in Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, trying to make it easier for children to access a convenient, gorgeous river bottom forest right next to town.

Perhaps there should be “research literacy” standards (and comparative tests, of course) for school administrators, school board members, and especially, taxpayers. Ignorance of the above kinds of evidence-based *facts*, is, or at least should be, at least misdemeanor malpractice. The sensory deprivation tank we call “the classroom” will never be where problems with education will be solved. It is by definition abstract and less “real”. Children need a classroom “Niche” continued on page 7

WINTER FIELD TRIPS FOR YOU!

All Flathead Audubon 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. Please read our field trip guidelines at www.FlatheadAudubon.org. 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. All drivers must have their own vehicle insurance. For more information, contact Kathy Ross at 837-3837 or Cory Davis at 257-3166, or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the Flathead Audubon general meetings and on www.FlatheadAudubon.org.



No field trips other than Christmas Bird Counts are currently scheduled for December.

Northwest Montana Christmas Bird Counts

To participate in a Christmas Bird Count, contact the listed person.

Count	Date	Contact
Bigfork	Saturday, Dec. 15 th	Craig Hohenberger, asoleado2003@yahoo.com , 406-890-1629
Eureka	Saturday, Dec. 15 th	Lewis & Lynda Young, llyoung@interbel.net , 406-889-3492 or Ellen Sullivan, 406-889-3983
Libby	Saturday, Dec 15 th	Gene Reckin, gnreckin@gmail.com , Home: 406-293-9344 Cell: 406-291-8482
Ninepipe	To Be Announced, Call Brian	Brian Williams, brianwilliams406@gmail.com , H: 406-721-1467
Glacier National Park	Sunday, Dec. 16 th	Compiler/Contact: Lisa Bate, Lisa_Bate@nps.gov , 406-888-7833
Upper Swan	Saturday, Dec 15 th	Rob Rich, rob@svconnections.org , o: 406.754.3137 c: 207.598.6649
Troy	Saturday, Dec. 15 th	Donald Jones, gr8gray@frontiernet.net , 406-295-4291
Kalispell	Sunday, Dec. 30 th	Pete Fisher, pfisher@krmc.org , 406-250-9624

Recycling in the Flathead

Recycling in the Flathead is becoming more difficult. Right now only one facility in the Valley takes plastic, and that is the City of Whitefish Recycling Center, which is for Whitefish residents only. Nevertheless, for many materials, you can find a drop-off site even if you don't live in Whitefish. See the chart at the end of this article for other materials.

For information on where to recycle other materials, how to sort recyclables, and to view a map showing recycling locations in the Valley, visit <http://www.wastenotproject.org/>. Glass may be recycled at Glacier National Park Lodges in Columbia Falls at least through the end of 2018 due to the efforts of Citizens for a Better Flathead.

Facility	paper & cardboard	plastic #1 & #2	aluminum cans & clean foil	tin/steel cans - separate from aluminum
County Drop-off sites	x		x	
County Solid Waste - Land Fill	x		x	
City of Whitefish Recycling Center for Whitefish Residents only	x	x	x	x
Valley Recycling & Albertsons & Smiths	x			
Pacific Steel & Recycling	x		x	x

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Due to health problems, Lois will not be able to continue her Flathead Audubon work. The new Hospitality Committee, Cory Davis and Joe Batts, will be kept busy doing all the jobs that Lois has been taking care of all these years. We miss her at our meetings and thank her for the gracious and happy atmosphere she worked hard to create for us.

by Gael Bissell, Kay Mitchell, Linda Winnie

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with walls at the outer edge of the Universe. Nature works as a time-tested pathway to children’s well being. School bus costs aside, we need to find a way to get them there.

In Finland, where comparative reading and math proficiencies are at or near the top in the world year after year (ours are not), children in schools have an outdoor 15-minute recess every hour of the school day, and there is no testing other than a graduation proficiency exam. Children are *encouraged* to play outdoors, because imaginative play is seen as children’s work, and is properly seen as one of the primary ways children learn. They get it. It does take a large, large village to properly raise a child.

In the larger human picture, who does *not* belong to the place from which we rose, and to where we shall return? This, I think, points to a very ancient and basic genetic understanding that nature – where we have spent ninety-nine percent of our pre-historical time as a species – is our true home. The peopled, indoor concrete, asphalt, virtual-screened world we have created is only a small fraction of the story of us.

WINTER BIRD STAMPS

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates four of winter's winged beauties with the **Birds in Winter Forever stamps**. The stamps feature the Black-capped Chickadee, the Northern Cardinal, the Blue Jay, and the Red-bellied Woodpecker.



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2018 Jewel Basin Hawk Watch Totals

Turkey Vulture: 0
 Osprey: 6
 Bald Eagle: 54
 Northern Harrier: 24
 Sharp-shinned Hawk: 686
 Cooper’s Hawk: 215
 Northern Goshawk: 26
 Accipiter, species: 32

Broad-winged Hawk: 12
 Swainson’s Hawk: 2
 Red-tailed Hawk: 152
 Ferruginous Hawk: 0
 Rough-legged Hawk: 18
 Buteo, species: 20
 Golden Eagle: 268
 American Kestrel: 52

Merlin: 24
 Peregrine Falcon: 3
 Prairie Falcon: 7
 Gyrfalcon: 0
 Falcon, species: 9
 Raptor, species: 27
 Total: 1,637



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