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GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT NEEDS EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE TO COUNT FOR THE BIRDS

It is well known that many bird species are showing population declines due to habitat loss or other human impacts. Now, people of all ages and backgrounds can help monitor bird populations—including several that are showing declines—by participating in the 4th annual Great Backyard Bird Count from February 16 – 19, 2001.

A project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with funding provided in part by Wild Birds Unlimited and Ford Motor Company, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) combines high-tech web tools with “citizen science” observations of birds. The GBBC asks families, individuals, classrooms and community groups to count the numbers and kinds of birds that visit their feeders, local parks, schoolyards, and other areas during any or all of the four count days. Participants enter their observations at BirdSource www.birdsource.org, a user-friendly, state-of-the-art web site developed by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab.

Begun in 1998, the GBBC has engaged more than 100,000 people of all ages and skill levels in the effort to keep common birds common. “We’re asking everyone, everywhere in North America to take a few minutes to tell us what birds they see on any or all of the count days,” says John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. “By tracking changes in bird distribution and abundance over time, such a vast database can serve as the S.O.S. signal for species that may be in trouble.”

This is especially important for species that are already showing population declined. GBBC 2001 will put the spotlight on quail, a frequent backyard visitor, familiar to many outdoor enthusiasts in the U.S. and Canada. “While most people recognize quail when they see them, few people are aware that some species, including Northern Bobwhite in the East and Scaled Quail in the Southwest, are experiencing severe population

declines,” says Frank Gill, National Audubon’s senior vice president for science. “Because quail are relatively easy to identify, even the casual observer can play an important role in helping them by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count.”

Quail are flagship representatives of brushland/shrub habitat. Loss of this habitat and the results of some land management practices are the primary reasons for quail declines. In suburban areas, cat predation of these ground-dwelling birds is also of serious concern. Visitors to the GBBC web site can learn more about all six of North American quail species.

Audubon and the Cornell Lab are also asking participants to pay special attention to several species of woodpecker, including the Red-headed Woodpecker and the Northern Flicker, which are also showing signs of serious population decreases. The web site will include several features relating to these species in need of special attention.

New this year will be the GBBC’s debut in several Latin American locations, allowing the benefits of the count to reach into a new region and affording a fascinating glimpse of tropical backyards and the birds found in them. This experiment is a first step toward one of Birdsource’s ultimate goals—hemisphere-wide monitoring of bird populations and the educational opportunities that go with these projects.

Because the GBBC charts finding in real time, scientists have already made connections between weather patterns and bird movements. For the last few years, American Robins appeared farther north than typically expected, in areas where snow cover was scant or nonexistent. Such a correlation may be suggestive of global warming or other broad-scale weather changes. This year’s GBBC will again collect information about snow depth. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**



CHICKADEE CHATTER

The New Year is nearly here. I often wonder about the days to come and I look forward to the dawn of the new year. I hope the year to come will be one of promise and I just know it will be a good year. Each year that goes by is a good year in one way or another. Each year holds so many memories: joys and sorrows, quiet peaceful days and busy hectic ones, hours spent with those we love and hours spent with only with the birds and the wind in the trees for company.

The days of the year 2000 draw to a close, the Winter Solstice has come and gone and the long winter nights are getting shorter now. There are only a few things I don't like about winter and they are cold toes, short days and long nights. Snow and frosty days I love. It has been wonderful having snow in abundance this year. The yard is full of snow and turkey and deer tracks. It is quite humorous watching the turkeys (which, incidentally, are not the brightest birds I know) wade through the deep snow. They will not follow my carefully shoveled paths but have to wade into the snow. They also do not wade as the crow might fly but meander around from point to point making winding trails in the snow. I have ten turkeys visiting at the present time, the largest tom I have ever seen in my life and nine others, hens and young ones.

We have had a lot of snow falling at night this winter. I have gone out to watch it fall, you can see the flakes coming down in the porch light. It is quiet and peaceful watching snow fall. There is very little noise besides the rustle of a few brown leaves left on the trees and the quiet sound that snow makes as it falls to the ground. There have been nights when the snow comes down so fast you can't really even see the individual flakes and any breath of wind makes it swirl in eddies in the air. These tiny snowflakes looked like miniature crystals and were almost lighter than air. Some nights the snow falls and the flakes are flat and large and they glitter all the way to the ground and once there they make the ground all shimmery. No matter how you move a thousand sparkles greet your wondering eyes. One snowy night I was out watching giant frilly flakes fall quickly to the ground and a flying squirrel came down the tree beside me. He was not interested in the snow; I am sure, nor in me standing there quietly but in the sunflower seeds in the feeder. We watched each other for a bit. I went back to watching the snow fall and he had a snack and after stuffing himself with lovely little seeds went

back up the tree and left me to my thoughts and the hiss of snow falling through the branches. It was nice watching the snow fall and thinking about the future...more days of snow and of sunlight and birdwatching and working and a myriad of other things to look forward to and with those thoughts I went into the house and went to bed. I hope the squirrel had a nice warm place to curl up. Happy New Year one and all!

Leslie Kehoe



JANUARY MEETING
MONDAY, January 8, 2000
Fish, Wildlife & Parks Building
490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell
Meeting begins at 7:30PM

Wildlife Photographer Presents January Program

If you are looking for a way to dispel those "After Christmas Blahs" and get out of the house for a fun and inexpensive (free!) evening, you'll want to attend the January meeting of Flathead Audubon.

Local favorite and Flathead Audubon member, Tom Ulrich, will present a program on North American Wildlife. As Tom presents his outstanding slides of both mammals and birds, he will discuss animal behavior and photo technique.

Since Tom has 27 years experience as a wildlife photographer and has been published in a wide range of publications ranging from WOMAN'S WORLD to LIFE MAGAZINE, his presentation promises to be both entertaining and educational and should appeal to all age groups.

Tom's recent first book, ONCE UPON A FRAME, will be available for purchase for that evening as well. This book discusses nearly 100 photographic situations that Tom has experienced throughout the years and gives an inside look at how the photo came about. It sells for \$24 and would make a wonderful addition to your library or a great gift! Don't miss this great program!



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

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The GBBC has also helped track movements of winter finches that typically remain in Canada in the extreme northern U.S. but that move farther south some winters during irruptions. The count showed "southerly" concentrations of Common Redpolls in the northeast and across the Great Lakes and northern Rockies. "It's thought that some of these species, including Common Redpolls, irrupt biennially, as a result of a lack of seeds in what is typically their year-round ranges," says the Cornell Lab's Fitzpatrick. "But much of this phenomenon remains a mystery that participants in the Great Backyard Bird Count can help us solve."

To participate in the GBBC, count the highest number of each bird species seen at one time (to ensure the birds are not counted more than once) and keep track of the amount of time spent counting. Log on to Birdsource at www.birdsource.org and click on the appropriate state.

Results are updated hourly in the form of animated maps and colorful graphs for all to view. Participants will be able to see almost immediately how their observations fit into the continent-wide perspective. Findings from previous years are also available at the site.

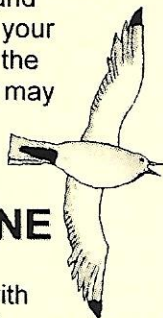
It's a great way to spend a little time on a winter's day. If you would like to participate and don't have a computer you might call one of your Flathead Audubon officers or directors, also the Flathead County Library has computers that may be used. Have fun counting the birds!

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BIRDING GOSSIP HOTLINE

Want to find out what's happening with Flathead Audubon? When are the next field trips and bird counts? Who is speaking at the next meeting? Maybe you would like to know about seasonal bird happenings and social events, such as courtship get-together, territorial public displays and migration memories. Dial into **756-5595** for an update. Occasionally, a birding hotspot or unusual sighting is mentioned.

Messages on the hotline sometimes include sightings from local feeder watchers who call in regularly, plus something like the rest of this paragraph. Locations exist where you can find something unusual or interesting with each visit.



The north shore of Flathead Lake can be accessed from Bigfork or Somers or points in between. A mew gull was seen there on the Christmas Bird Count. The Polson dump is a regular for Thayers Gull and a large flock of snow bunting, Lapland longspurs and horned larks were seen in mid-December in Valley View area southwest of Polson. During the colder parts of winter, waterfowl concentrate along open areas of the Flathead River which can be accessed at many places. For a good update on unusual sightings the Five Valleys Audubon in Missoula has an excellent hotline at 406-721-9799.

By Robin Magaddino

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

Audubon Adventures is an educational curriculum produced by the National Audubon Society that is being used in many classrooms across the Flathead Valley. The publication is directed at the fourth through sixth grade levels, but can and is being adapted for use with students on both sides of this age group. The program is highly regarded and is designed to meet nationally adopted standards for language arts and science. The curriculum bases much of its teaching around hands-on activities that get the students involved with the learning process and make their educational experience more enjoyable and memorable.

Each classroom curriculum package includes 32 student newspapers per topic, a resource manual for the teacher, a participation certificate for each student, and videotape. The topics covered vary from year to year. This year's newspapers cover articles such as the life cycle of plants and why they are so important, owl characteristics and behavior, the various habitats and vast diversity of life in the oceans, and endangered species. The videotape included with the program is entitled Dolphin Adventures.

This year, the Flathead Audubon Society provided the financial support for the purchase of 36 curriculum packages for teachers in 17 different schools in the area. As many of these packages are shared with an additional classroom, it is easy to see how the Audubon Adventures message is getting to children in 50 or more classrooms throughout the Flathead Valley. We welcome suggestions of new classes and schools to add to our recipient list, and also encourage people to sponsor a classroom.

Audubon Adventures materials are available for viewing upon request. Please contact **Kim Davis** for any information, or if you would like to sponsor a classroom.



FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAIR



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: the JOB and the ATTITUDE

Brent Mitchell, chair

The Conservation Committee consists of Linda Winnie, Jay Sheperd, and myself. The three of us will gather information on various conservation issues throughout the year, bounce our thoughts off each other and other Audubon members, and then respond to the agencies responsible for gathering citizen input. We will be dealing mostly with the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Army Corps of Engineers at the Federal level and Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation, and the Dept. of Environmental Quality at the State level. Our State & Federal congressional delegations will be contacted, also.

In most cases, there will be more than one "right" way to handle any given conservation issue or problem. Flathead Audubon has maintained a very moderate approach over the years. In general, we usually do not try to "STOP" an activity, but try instead to understand other points of view (the "WHY"), consider the best available science, and then recommend changing "HOW" the activity will be done. Until we understand the "WHY"—the "HOW" is unimportant. When we start understanding others' views, they often start understanding our points and this leads to reasonable solutions to issues, without the need to "compromise". Flathead Audubon's moderate views and collaborative approaches have allowed us to be part of the solutions to controversial conservation issues. Mutual respect is necessary, if we want to depolarize issues and find solutions. It's tough sitting down with an "opponent" and working out a mutually beneficial solution, if you can't get past the name calling, power plays, and inflammatory rhetoric.

For those of you who are relatively new to Flathead Audubon, here is some trivia to ponder:

- ** We have never filed an appeal to a timber sale.
- ** National Audubon was started by a big game hunter: George B. Grinnell
- ** Our members are involved with the Flathead Forestry Project, The Wildlife Society, Society of American Foresters, MDFWP Citizens Advisory Committee and other conservation/environmental groups.
- ** Our personal friends include: loggers, millworkers, builders, trappers, doctors, ranchers, researchers, farmers, miners, fishermen, and federal & state employees. Many of us fit these categories, too.

TRIVIA—continued

- ** The Eureka Bird Club is a satellite group of FAS and has had a representative on our board of directors.
- ** We have invited Montanans for Multiple Use to attend our meetings.
- ** Contrary to popular opinion, 95% of FAS members still work for a living. (and, yes, that means we're part of the bottom of the national economic scale). We are not wealthy out-of-staters.
- ** 100% of FAS Presidents have been hunters.
- ** No member has ever expressed satisfaction at any FAS meeting of seeing closures of Industrial Wood Products, American Timber, Pyramid Lumber or the 50% layoffs due at Columbia Falls Aluminum.
- ** FAS has been active in the Family Forestry Expo since it started.



Flathead Audubon Society is a diverse group of open-minded citizens working to keep northwest Montana a great place to live and I'm proud to be associated with it.

BIRD CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

THE BEAUTY OF BIRDS Dates: March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11 Time: 6:30-8:30 pm Room: FHS 233 Topics will include: harlequin ducks, flycatchers, wood peckers, raptors, birds of Glacier National Park, and general bird biology. Instructors: J. Ashley, N. Brown, P. Brown, L. de Kort, S. Gniadek, S. Hartman.

A class for bird lovers is being offered by the Adult Education classes at Flathead High School for the spring. This is a new approach to getting out the word on birds and conservation to the general public. If you are interested in helping to fill the classes for our first series please call the high school: 751-3500. If you would like to help with classes in the future, please contact Linda de Kort: 755-3704.



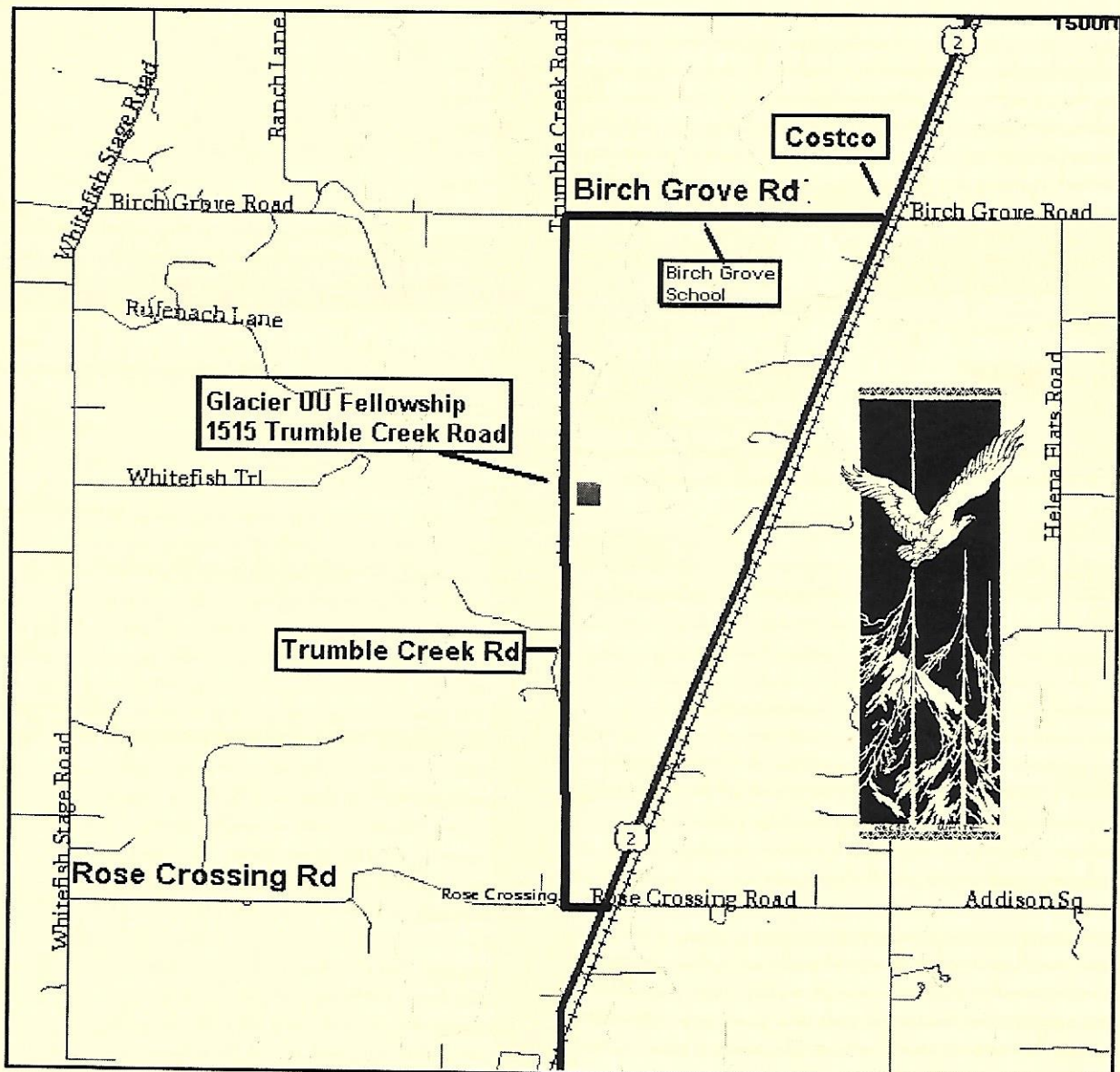
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next FAS Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Glacier Universalist Unitarian Fellowship at 6:00PM on January 2nd, 2001. You can find very good maps to Glacier Universalist Unitarian Fellowship on their web site. glacier.mt.uua.org.

FAS Board of Directors meeting will be held in this location for the months of January, February, March, April and May on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

The public and members of Audubon are always welcome to attend the board meetings. Please come and get involved.

The Glacier Universalist Unitarian Fellowship building is at 1515 Trumble Creek Road and can be reached from Kalispell and points south by coming up either Highway 2 or Whitefish Stage and turning onto Birch Creek then turn south onto Trumble Creek Road. From Whitefish it is shortest to come down Whitefish Stage then east on Birch Grove and finally south on Trumble Creek.





FIELD TRIP TO THE MISSION VALLEY: IN SEARCH OF HAWKS AND OTHER INTERESTING WINTER BIRDS

Flathead Audubon is planning a birdwatching trip to the Mission Valley on Sunday, January 14, 2001. We will be roaming the backroads in search of the raptors that frequent the valley in the midst of winter. We should see lots of Rought-legged and Red-tail Hawks, maybe a Prairie Falcon, some American Kestrels, Bald Eagles and possibly a Golden Eagle or two. We might even come across a cold Meadowlark and some other frosty songbirds. It should be a good time for birdwatching and we hope you can join us. We will meet at 8:00AM at the new parking area across from the White Oak Lodge (formerly the Ramada Inn) on Highway 93 and 82 (the Somers cut across road). If you would like to attend the trip please call Leslie Kehoe at 837-4467.



THE 106th CONGRESS IS FINNALLY OVER

The 106th Congress has finally come to a close, and what it year it was for Audubon! Due in large part to your support and participation, 2000 was a banner year for Audubon. The following are some of the important environmental bills that passed in Congress this year.

PASSED: EVERGLADES RESTORATION. One of Audubon's top priorities, the final bill authorizes and secures funding for a series of projects to return the natural quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of freshwater to the Everglades. The multi-year project will return the natural flow of water to the "River of Grass" and improve the habitat of the 68 threatened or endangered species, and hundreds of other species of birds, other wildlife, and plants that call the Everglades home.

PASSED: NEO-TROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD PROTECTION. In an important victory for birds, President Clinton signed into law the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, the only bill in this Congress that directly helps songbirds. The new law establishes a fund to support partnership programs that will conserve and enhance habitat of Neotropical migratory birds such as the Kirtland's Warbler, Hermit Thrush, Black-capped Vireo and Kentucky Warbler.

PASSED: CONSERVATION FUNDING: When it became apparent that the U.S. Congress would not pass the sweeping and Audubon-supported Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) this year, House and Senate supporters pulled together a smaller measure that, although not CARA, represents the largest commitment our country has made to conservation in decades. The new law incrementally increases funding up to \$12 billion dollars over the next six years for local, state and national conservation efforts. For Fiscal Year 2001, funding is broken down as follows:

- (1) \$540 million for federal and state land and water conservation programs, such as land acquisition to protect precious lands from development threats;
- (2) \$400 million for coastal protection programs, such as pollution control programs;
- (3) \$300 million for state conservation programs, such as open space proposals and other state fish & wildlife conservation programs;
- (4) \$160 million for urban and historic preservation programs;
- (5) \$150 million for federal lands maintenance, to help reduce backlogs of maintenance needs in our National Wildlife Refuge System, and
- (6) \$ 50 million in payments to states in lieu of taxes lost on federally owned lands.

And remember, if these numbers sound high, combined they amount to less than 1% of the nation's defense budget. And again, while not as sweeping as CARA, which was stopped in the Senate and would not have moved any further in the 106th Congress, this new law does indeed represent the largest commitment our nation has made to conservation efforts in decades. Any time we can secure land for precious bird and wildlife habitat, protect our coasts, and other special and wild places, it is a victory for all of us. We'll work with the 107th Congress to see that this measure is fully funded for 2001 and beyond. From the Audubon Advisory, Dec. 21, 2000



REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Flathead Audubon Society (FAS) provided a bird education station for "River Connection Days" held on September 20-21 this year. Neal Brown presented the bird lessons at the station both days. Thank you Neal!

National Audubon is changing the way Audubon memberships are handled. New members recruited by National Audubon will no longer automatically become affiliated with their local chapters. Instead, each local chapter and each state office will be recruiting and tracking its own members independently. At the same time the portion of membership fees retained by local chapter or state offices will be reduced. A larger portion will now go to the National office.

Many local chapters, including FAS, have argued against these changes because they threaten to weaken the financial stability of local chapters and to generate competition rather than cooperation between local chapters and state offices. Nonetheless, these changes are scheduled to go into effect this summer.

The FAS Board is currently trying to work out a new membership strategy in response to these changes. At the same time FAS and the other local chapters of Montana will be working with Montana Audubon to develop a cooperative approach to recruiting new members in Montana.

FAS members participated in two bird surveys conducted at the Lost Trail Refuge this summer. The Board is committed to continuing our participation in such surveys at Lost Trail, and will be looking for other ways to provide support for the Refuge in the future.

The Birdseed sale was very successful this year. A Birdseed Committee has been formed to organize the sale for next year. Members are June Ash, Sonja Hartmann, Jim Schwab, Bruce Tannehill, and Linda Winnie -- and anyone else who is interested in helping.

FAS submitted a letter of support for the proposal by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region One to purchase a conservation easement on 142,000 acres in the Thompson and Fisher River Valleys.

FAS has recommended against the construction of a new road on US Forest Service land near Round Meadow for the purpose of providing access for a private land owner to harvest timber and reduce fuel accumulations. We have no objection to the proposed harvest by the private landowner, but suggest that access for

the project should be gained via an already existing road.

Linda deKort is organizing four adult education classes to be taught by FAS members on four evenings in March and April 2001. The classes will be offered through the Flathead High School Adult Education Program. Proceeds will go to Flathead Audubon.

FAS has contributed \$25 to the Grounded Eagle Foundation, and has encouraged the Foundation to apply for an FAS grant if it needs funds for a special project involving bird research or rehabilitation.

The Board voted to purchase 24 copies of the new Sibley bird guide at the special price of \$17 each -- available to Audubon chapters until January 1, 2001. FAS will offer these guides to its members for \$25 each, a savings of \$10 over the \$35 retail price.

Pattie Brown will organize the chapter phone tree and email alert list so that it will be available for alerting members to issues that come up in the 2001 Montana legislative session.

By Linda Winnie

WELCOME TO FAS NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

The four student members recently elected to the FAS board are: K.C. McBroom, Lauren Casey, Jonathan Fetter-Worm and > Seth Watkins. All are seniors at Flathead High School with busy schedules.

K. C. McBroom is an avid equestrian and musician; she is also president of the Environmental Club at FHS. She hopes to help establish an unbeatable Birdathon team.

Lauren Casey has been coming to Audubon meetings with Dan and Susannah for as long as she can remember. She is Secretary of the Student Body at FHS and a proud member of the Varsity Soccer and Volley Ball Teams.

Jon Fetter-Worm is another senior of many talents. He is vice president of the senior class and a member of the Varsity Soccer Team and Speech Team. In addition he is an accomplished artist and has his own computer art business.

Seth Watkins is famous in the valley for the great honor he has brought our Cross Country team. He is also famous for the animal imitations he can do but that is a better kept secret.

By Linda deKort



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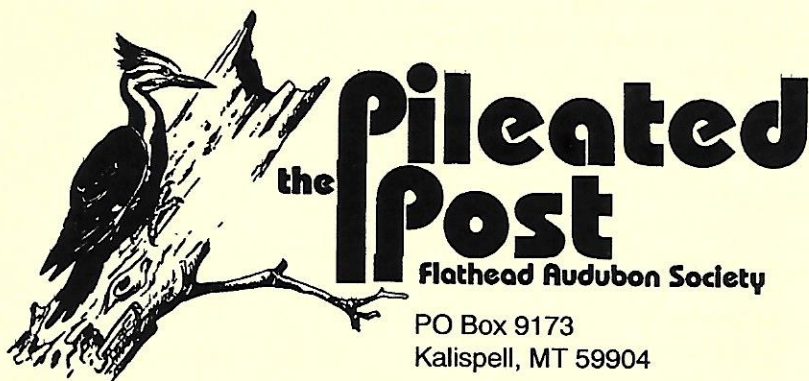
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BIRDING HOTLINE: 756-5595

The Flathead Audubon Society is affiliated with the National Audubon Society and meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and includes a featured guest who will present a conservation or nature program. The regular monthly meeting is preceded by the Executive Board meeting. Both meetings are open to all those interested.

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