

# YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

- FROM THE PRAIRIES TO THE PEAKS.

*Mission: Building on the tradition of special interest in birds, Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society is organized to promote enjoyment and protection of the natural environment through education, activism, and conservation of bird habitat.*

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## CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Learn more about local weather and climate patterns and their effect on birds. Join Joe Lester and Tom Frieders from NOAA, The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration / The National Weather Service. Topics will include drought, fire, vegetation, storms, and long-term climate concerns. Joe Lester is the author of 'Significant Weather Patterns Affecting West-Central Montana' and 'An Analysis of Lightning Activity in Southeast Montana'.

Due to the complexity of the topic, the emphasis will remain on Montana Climate change and the effect of this change on Montana landscape and birds. As a group, we hope to also discuss the place of current weather in larger patterns and the relationships between weather, landscape and birds.

National Audubon is emphasizing the effect of climate change on birds and hoping the local chapters such as YVAS will take the lead on public education to mitigate potential loss of biodiversity. We hope our members will think about changes in the diversity at their feeders and come prepared to discuss their observations.

## YVAS MEETINGS

*All YVAS Meetings are at Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Rehberg Lane and Poly Drive, Billings, MT unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome, there is no admission fee and ample free parking is available.*

**Monday, November 10, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting**

➔ **Monday, November 17, 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting**

We will hold a YVAS fundraiser dinner at 5:30, before the Chapter meeting. Dinner donation: \$6. Nancy Traeger has generously volunteered to coordinate. Please contact her at 252-5236 or [n\\_traeger@yahoo.com](mailto:n_traeger@yahoo.com) **before November 14**, to make reservations and tell her what you will bring.

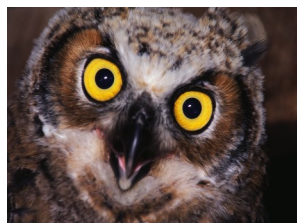
**Monday, December 8, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting**

➔ **Monday, December 15, 7:30pm: Chapter Meeting . Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner at 5:45. See page 5 of the Flyer for details.**



☞ We're on the web! [yvaudubon.org](http://yvaudubon.org)

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**CLIMATE CHANGE** Please visit the YVAS website <http://www.yvaudubon.org> for an editorial from YVAS President Steve Regele about climate change and the YVAS focus on this crisis. At the YVAS website click on the Conservation Tab and scroll down below the turquoise Conservation topic line to locate the link to the editorial titled “HUMAN-INDUCED CLIMATE CHANGE AND PEOPLE AND BIRDS AND OTHER THINGS”.

**YVAS CONSERVATION GRANT** YVAS offers an annual Conservation Grant of up to \$1000 to fund individual students or organizations engaged in some project which supports the YVAS mission “to promote enjoyment and protection of the natural environment through education, activism and conservation of bird habitat”. While applications are normally accepted to February 1, the Board of Directors is currently revising the policy and procedures for the grant and will announce in the near future what the parameters and the amount will be. Watch the Flyer for news about the Conservation Grant!

**FROM THE EDITOR** ‘Case Sensitive’: to make a long story short, the National Audubon Society recently ruled that the species shall be capitalized: a yellow warbler is now a Yellow Warbler. Who cares, and what does this mean for YVAS? We will now try to be consistent in all our publications (the Flyer, Field Trip Reports, contracts, proposals, website, etc) to capitalize species. Again, a yellow warbler is a Yellow Warbler. To learn more, visit [audubonmagazine.org](http://audubonmagazine.org)



**RIDE NEEDED** Long-time YVAS member Dorcas Halverson is living in Hardin, MT, and would like to know if there is anyone in that area who could give her a ride to YVAS events in Billings. Please contact her at [dorcash@hotmail.com](mailto:dorcash@hotmail.com) if you might be available or know someone who would be.

#### **Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society Officers: AREA CODE 406**

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**Meetings** are held September through May at Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Poly and Rehberg, Billings, MT.

- Board Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Board Meetings are open to the entire membership.
- General Chapter Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to the public.



YVAS recently lost two of its most cherished and longstanding members. Our organization is profoundly grateful for the tireless support and generosity contributed over many years to the YVAS mission by Rose Sylling and Lila Weber.

#### ROSE SYLLING

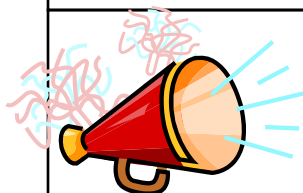
June 9, 1927—August 5, 2014

One of our old-time members, Rose Sylling, recently passed away. She was 87 years old and was a former YVAS Board member in the 1980s. She had taken Birding Classes offered by Helen Carlson Cummins and Bebe Fitzgerald. She loved birds and kept a life list (503). She shared this love with her three daughters, and they birded in many places. Helen remembers her as an enthusiastic birder, and Ruth Vanderhorst noted how friendly she was to new birders in the classes. Rose and her daughter, Gail McGlothlin, participated in the Christmas Bird Count for many years. Bernie Mowat remembers that she, Bernie, was the lucky winner of the Birder's Journal that Rose contributed to the YVAS Christmas Raffle in 2000, and included this inscription: "May you enjoy keeping a Life List as much as I have in twenty years of bird watching." Rose was a teacher and librarian in her early years. She and her husband Hans (who preceded her in death) had three daughters, six grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. Submitted by Bernie Mowat

Per her wishes, the family of Rose Sylling has donated \$5,000 from her estate to the Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society, to support the mission of conservation education. YVAS will report to the Sylling family and the membership as activities are completed.

#### Lila Weber 1912-2014

Lila Weber was one of the earliest members of the Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society and prior to that was a member of National Audubon while a resident of North Dakota. It was at an Audubon meeting there that she met her husband to be, Gordon. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Billings. Lila Weber is remembered as the longest serving Editor of the Yellowstone Flyer, over 21 years, and a long time Membership Chairperson. She was scrupulous as to accuracy in both her writing and editing and the membership records she kept. Shortly before she retired from both positions, she and her husband, Gordon, had copies of all the Flyers bound professionally, and she presented them to each of the Billings libraries. Lila showed me, a couple of years ago, the copies she had at her apartment at West Park Village and told me she would give them to YVAS on her death. Lila and Gordon were major players in YVAS. They were both informed, active and involved in the issues affecting conservation and wildlife. They contributed a very great deal to what we are today. Lila died on September 28, 2014. Gordon died in 2010. Submitted by Ruth Vanderhorst



YVAS member Janette Tasey earned awards for her photography from the Photographic Institute of the Yellowstone, which was shown recently at Rocky Mountain College's Ryniker-Morrison Gallery. Janette heads up YVAS' Injured Raptors Program, transporting injured birds to the Raptor Conservation Center in Bozeman at all hours of the day and night. Her photographs swept the top three awards in the black and white category, and she earned second place in the color category division as well. One of her photographs of a newborn pronghorn which took second place (see below), was also selected by the National Wildlife Federation for use in its publication. Congratulations Janette!!

Read more: [http://billingsgazette.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/visual/weekly-webb-unveiling-stories-in-a-camera-s-click/article\\_fc22b7bf-3b86-5117-bf19-4123a774f619.html#ixzz3GdPW4mBS](http://billingsgazette.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/visual/weekly-webb-unveiling-stories-in-a-camera-s-click/article_fc22b7bf-3b86-5117-bf19-4123a774f619.html#ixzz3GdPW4mBS)



NEWBORN PRONGHORN Jeanette Tasey



MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS Jeanette Tasey





## FIELD TRIP NOTES

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 PRYOR MOUNTAINS

On a glorious sunny Saturday, September 20, 2014, twenty one people including three young women serving in Ameri-corps, were guided to the Bridger rest stop by Ruth Vanderhorst. Ospreys, a Golden Eagle, Red tailed Hawks, and a Great Blue Heron presented along the way. Stan Heath from Red Lodge led the group from Bridger. More than 35 species were spotted. A Blue Grosbeak that Stan had located during the summer was not found, but Stan showed us where to look next year. Exciting species we saw included a single Sandhill Crane in a hayfield, Mountain Bluebirds foraging on a dry hillside along a barbed wire fence, and two separate flocks of Pinyon Jays in open areas near pine trees. My favorite White Crowned Sparrows appeared in a moist drainage. A challenging wire-sitter about the size of an American Robin, but a little more the shape of a Bluebird, turned out to have streaks on breast sides and a light face pattern, an American Pipit. More Pipits were feeding beside us in a harvested corn field.

The stars of the day: two Sage Thrashers sitting on top of (drum roll!) sagebrush, staying put for lots of scope views. Two of the people I was riding with remembered their first sighting of a Sage Thrasher on this same road atop a former railroad grade near Warren.

Bear Canyon presented singing Townsend's Solitaires and a Mountain Chickadee. Steve Regele identified native Indian rice grass and other native grasses. On another plant topic, near Bridger we passed the Bridger Plant Materials Center, a federal Natural Resources Conservation Service facility. Its purpose is to do research and provide information about native plants tolerant of saline soil and useful for reclamation of mines, wildfires, roadsides, low water use landscaping, supporting sage grouse in Montana and Wyoming. They loaned slides to us for a YVAS program about landscaping for birds. Visit: [nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/plantmaterials](https://nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/plantmaterials). Submitted by Jerry Dalton

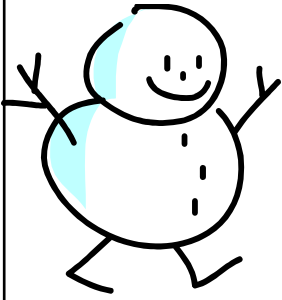
### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 COONEY RESERVOIR

A group of sixteen birders traveled to Cooney Reservoir near Boyd, then to the Stillwater River at Fireman's Point Fishing Access, on then to Columbus and along the Frontage Road, and back to Billings. The day was beautiful but windy. The group saw about two dozen species of birds, including Golden and Bald Eagle, Canada Geese, Townsend's Solitaire, a variety of waterfowl including the Pied-billed, Eared, and Western Grebe, Ruddy Duck, Bufflehead, American Wigeon, and Trumpeter Swan. Off and on along the route we observed such usual but always welcome birds as the Common Raven, the iridescent Black-billed Magpie and Rock Pigeon. We were treated to a bit of hawk migration activity east of Columbus along the Yellowstone River. Eight raptors were seen singularly and in pairs moving upstream over the course of less than an hour. All in all a good day of fall birding with a great group of birders! Submitted by Steve Regele

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 LAKE MASON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

I had wanted to visit Lake Mason NWR all year, especially after last winter's moisture reportedly had filled it. On Sunday, October 5, a last minute change in birding plans to stop at Lake Elmo to see the Red-throated Loon made the decision that much easier. Robert Hill, Will Crain and I arrived at the Lake Mason mid morning. The lake was very large, and it seemed filled to capacity. I am not the best judge in size, but it appeared as if it would be quite a feat to walk around the lake in a day's time. The lake held large rafts of American Coots and Ruddy Ducks. There were quite a few dabblers such as Mallards, Gadwalls and Widgeon. There was one lone Lesser Scaup. Canada Geese crowded one end of the lake. We saw our first Swans of the season. They appeared to be all adult plumaged birds. From the distance we could not tell whether they were Tundra Swans or Trumpeters, but we are guessing Tundras.

What impressed me the most at this late date were the shorebirds. We enjoyed close looks at perhaps 20 Greater Yellowlegs, with one tag-along Lesser Yellowlegs, and there were many Killdeer. A small flock of Baird Sandpipers strayed in the shallower waters—very handsome! There was one Red Necked Phalarope, quite dapper in its contrasting black and white winter plumage. Four Black Bellied Plovers in ashy gray winter coats stood hunched up and looking sullen. At one point a large flock of shore birds, that we estimated at around 200 or more, circled above. We watched them climb higher and higher, and they finally they disappeared to the south. The habitat for shorebirds was impressive. Many very skittish American Pipits flew around us. This pristine piece of prairie paradise is about 8 miles NW of Roundup, Montana. The road is quite good until the last mile or two, which is very passable in dry weather. I would stay away in wet weather as the road would turn to gumbo. One end of the lake had thick stands of bulrush and sedges, a potentially good habitat for Marsh Wrens and Rails. This trip wetted my appetite for more trips next year. It is a very beautiful refuge, a great place to bird and find some solace too. Submitted by Mike Weber



## YVAS DECEMBER HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER & PROGRAM WITH BOB LANDIS

**DATE:** Monday, December 15th

**TIME:** 5:30—please have food there; 5:45—buffet line opens; 7:30—program begins

**PLACE:** Mayflower Church, corner of Poly Drive and Rehberg

**COST:** \$6.00 per person entry, regardless of whether you come to the potluck or the program only

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** Contact Dorothy at [dpadanyi@live.com](mailto:dpadanyi@live.com) or 252-0757.

You are welcome to bring a guest, but seating is limited at Mayflower, so make your reservations early, and no later than Friday, Dec. 12, 2014.

We hope that you will plan to come to this holiday gathering to visit with fellow Auduboners and to view the always enjoyable and interesting video brought to us by Bob Landis. Bob is a friend and supporter of YVAS, and a nationally known Yellowstone National Park videographer. We look forward to both the film and Bob's commentary, both of which are always entertaining.

The fundraising aspect of this event is limited to the entry fee and to the auction/sale of the collection of Lennox china birds donated to YVAS earlier this year. The birds will be in boxes with tissue paper for ease of gifting. If it seems like the thing to do, we may play a game of some sort, but enjoying the season, each other and the program is the focus.

Two members of the YVAS Board are donating the main courses of ham and turkey, so we ask that you bring a side dish, salad or dessert, enough to serve eight, according to the list below. We look forward to seeing you and having an enjoyable evening.

If you need a ride, please call Dorothy at 252-0757. Let's hope for a non-blizzard evening!!!!!!

Please bring a dish to serve 6 according to the following. If your last name begins with:

**A – I** Side dish such as potatoes, vegetables, rolls for 6

**J– Q** Salad, cranberries/sauce for 6

**R – Z** Dessert for 6



## SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 115TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



The 115th Christmas bird count is December 14, Sunday, this year. The longest running Citizen Science survey in the world, Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on population trends. Tens of thousands of participants know that it is also a lot of fun. Each of the citizen scientists who annually braves snow, wind, or rain, to take part in the Christmas Bird Count makes an enormous contribution to conservation. Please contact me if you can help a half day or a full day on that Sunday. We have several areas not covered yet and other areas that could use a couple more birders. Level of experience - all levels - all eyes needed. The more eyes, the better the count will be. I look forward to hearing from you. Contact Jim Court [custertours@gmail.com](mailto:custertours@gmail.com), 406-259-5099. Feeder counters, contact Bernie Mowat at 656-7467 or [gmowat@bresnan.net](mailto:gmowat@bresnan.net). Visit [Audubon.org/Christmas-bird-count](http://Audubon.org/Christmas-bird-count) to learn more.

### EVENTS AT THE AUDUBON CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

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- **Every third Friday of the month ~ Nature Night 6 – 9 PM.** 4 – 12 year olds welcome. Cost is \$22/child or \$20 for **Friends of the Center**. Drop your child off for an evening of outdoor adventures with our Naturalists:  
- November 21<sup>st</sup>  
- December 19th
- **Every second Saturday night ~ Nighthawk Adventure 6—8 PM.** Join us at the Audubon Center for a nature filled evening and then an amazing snack. Fee is \$5/person or **Free for Friends of the Center**.
- **November 8th ~ Spiders & S'mores**
- **December 13th ~ Stroll & Campfire Stories with Fire-made Pies**
- **Dec 20th ~ Daddy and Me! 9:30 AM —1 PM.** Make holiday dreams come true with wonderful hand made nature themed gifts. We will make at least three large gifts and then ornaments, wrapping paper and cards too!! All this while enjoying cookies, hot chocolate and music. Cost is \$35 for **Friends of the Audubon Center** and \$38.50 for non-members.
- **Dec 31st ~ NEW YEARS OVERNIGHT!** Join us as we ring in the new year with nature activities, lots of noise, exciting explorations and snacks. We will meet at **7 PM in 2014 and leave the Audubon Center in 2015 at 9 AM**. Cost is \$75 for non-members and \$67 for **Friends of the Audubon Center** with a \$10 sibling discount.  
Call [\(406\)220-8689](tel:4062208689) or email [education@mtadubon.org](mailto:education@mtadubon.org) to register.

**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 the 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. To apply for an Audubon Wildlife Fund grant, visit the website (<http://www.mtadubon.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.

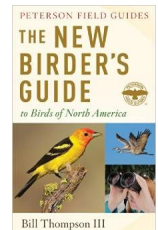
### NESTING MATERIALS



#### NEW BIRDER'S GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

by Bill Thompson III. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2014: paperback 368 pages, \$16.95  
What a new birder needs is a field guide that shows most of the birds he or she is going to see, but doesn't overwhelm with rarities unlikely to be seen. This is that book. Covering 300 of the most common birds in the United States and Canada, this guide

has just the right amount of information about how to identify birds, where and when to look for them, what they sound like, and how they behave.



The New Birder's Guide includes easy-to-understand descriptions and maps, clear photos, drawings of common and interesting behaviors, and fun "Wow!" facts for each bird, plus expert advice on identification basics, how to get started, and how to improve your birding skills.

This guide is essentially a re-branding of the author's previous The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America. The main changes are to the formatting (for the better) and about 9 more introductory pages. The species accounts are untouched, except for the occasional new photo. While this guide may still be more suited to younger birders, it would be a good choice for any new birder, young or old. Read more at: [birderslibrary.com](http://birderslibrary.com)



The YVAS Board of Directors is trying to find a better way to alert supporting Chapter Members of their renewal dates. The list below consists of those members coming up for renewal in November and December. Please use the application below (including your email address) and submit it, along with a check, to any Board Member or mail it to the address on the application when it is time to renew.

Carol Daryl Beam NOV 2014  
 Arleen Boyd NOV 2014  
 Janet Butorovich NOV 2014  
 Mike & Jeannie CANTRELL NOV 2014  
 Dolores Colburg NOV 2014  
 Nancy Coleman DEC 2014  
 Gordon Cox NOV 2014  
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 Ann Guthals DEC 2014  
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 Robert & Carolyn Jones NOV 2014

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 Mary Ringer NOV 2014  
 Donald Seibert NOV 2014  
 Sandra Teller NOV 2014  
 Bruce Waage DEC 2014  
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#### NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Recruitment Code: C0ZN500Z

Application for New Membership

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society. I understand that I will receive the Audubon Magazine and Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society Flyer. Make check payable to National Audubon Society. Renewals will be sent to you through National Audubon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

One Year Membership

\$20 One year new membership

Send this application and your check made out to National Audubon Society to:

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society  
 Attention: Membership Secretary  
 P.O. Box 1075  
 Billings, MT 59103-1075

#### YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Application for New & Renewal Membership

✂ Please enroll me as a supporting member of Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society. I understand I will be supporting local Chapter activities and receiving the local newsletter. I will enjoy full family Chapter benefits. Make check payable to Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society for \$20. If applying for a new or renewing student membership, make check for \$10 and indicate academic affiliation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to receive the Flyer electronically?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Send this application and your check to:  
 Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society  
 Attention: Membership Secretary  
 P.O. Box 1075  
 Billings, MT 59103-1075



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Field Trip Calendar:

All field trips depart from Rocky Mountain College parking lot on Rimrock Road, adjacent to Billings Studio Theater, unless otherwise noted, and will be by car. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS.** All field trips are open to the public. Passengers will share gas costs with driver when car- pooling. Do make sure you check all field trips with listing in flyer each month for any changes.

<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>YELLOWTAIL DAM AFTERBAY.</b> 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Sack Lunch. George Mowat, leader.
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT</b>	Jim Court, leader. Contact 259-5099, <a href="mailto:custertours@gmail.com">custertours@gmail.com</a> , or Gail Speck at 461-1997. See page 6 of the Flyer or visit <a href="http://yvaudubon.org">yvaudubon.org</a> for more details.
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S FIELD TRIP YEL- LOWTAIL DAM AFTERBAY.</b> 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Sack Lunch. George Mowat, leader.
<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>ANNUAL EAGLE MIDWINTER SURVEY IN LOWER 48 STATES.</b> 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Yellowstone River: Billings to Columbus. No Host Lunch. George Mowat, leader.
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>DUCK DAY: LEARN YOUR WA- TER- FOWL</b> at WJH 8 a.m. to noon	Meet at Rocky Mountain College at 8 a.m. for guidance to WJH (2753 S 56th Street W), or at WJH between 8 and 8:30a.m. Sheila McKay and George Mowat, leaders

