

A Nongame Wildlife Focus

Nongame wildlife species are the largest group of wildlife species in Montana and elsewhere. Of course nongame birds are a big part of the nongame 'group'. Protection and enjoyment of birds and nongame species and their habitats is a major component of the YVAS organization and Mission and that of a large number of other organizations and individuals.

The March-April 2017 Issue of Montana Outdoors Magazine (a publication of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)) included some articles with a nongame species focus. Diligent conservation of nongame species and the habitats that support them is very important.

YVAS participates on the MFWP, Region 5 Citizen Advisory Council. Throughout 2017 YVAS will discuss the values and needs of nongame species and habits in detail with other Council members, MFWP representatives, and many others including the various legislators and individuals that frequent the meetings. One of the points of that discussion will be funding in support of nongame species conservation and habitat. Nongame species receive less focus and funding than do game species. A pretty good summary of why that is and how that came about is included in the Montana Outdoors Magazine, March-April Issue ("My Favorite Tax" - <http://fwp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2017/pittman.htm#.WMIXfvkrLcc>).

Montana Outdoors Magazine, March-April Issue also includes an article focused on nongame species entitled "What About the Others"

<http://fwp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2017/nongame.htm#.WMIXKvkrLcc> .

YVAS and friends have been discussing some possibilities for generating more funds specifically in support of nongame species and habitat. This support and habitat also includes support for game species and people. If you have ideas about how to enhance financial and other support for nongame and habitat conservation we would like to hear from you. Please send your thoughts and suggestions to smregele@gmail.com. Your ideas will be shared with the YVAS Board of Directors and we will do our best to convey those to the Region 5 Council and to the government and NGO groups and individual's that YVAS interacts with.

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Thanks.

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