

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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## SUMMER BIRDING HOMEWORK

While YVAS doesn't have any Chapter meetings scheduled until September, you can use that time to take advantage of some great birding education tools.

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology: Inside Birding** Whether you're new to birding or a seasoned expert interested in sharpening your identification skills, or wondering how to clean your binoculars, start here. In the **Inside Birding** program, hosts Chris Wood and Jessie Barry share all of the tools, tips, and techniques that will allow you to start birding like the pros. From where and when to find birds, to the clues that will help you identify them, **Inside Birding** provides the information that you need to make the most of your birding experience. The series covers bird size and shape, color pattern, behavior, and habitat. Visit [birds.cornell.edu](http://birds.cornell.edu).

Combine the **Inside Birding** program with amazing videos that demonstrate how to identify everything from the Red-tailed Hawk to a Piping Plover to perfect your skills. Visit [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org).

Learn to 'bird by ear' with the new **Bird Song Hero** game at [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org). Learning bird songs is a key birding skill, so the 'All About Bird Biology' team developed **Bird Song Hero**. This fun game puts the visual side of your brain to work, asking you to match the song you're hearing to one of three visual representations of the sound. The critically acclaimed movie **A Birder's Guide to Everything** used sounds from All About Birds' Macaulay Library to ensure aural accuracy. A DVD release includes a video version of **Bird Song Hero** as a bonus feature.

Where are the best places to see wildlife this spring? The Nature Conservancy shares the season's top 10 natural spectacles, from foraging grizzlies to backyard birds. See Spring's Top 10 Wildlife Spectacles at [support.nature.org](http://support.nature.org).

**THE HOMING INSTINCT** Acclaimed scientist and author Bernd Heinrich has returned every year since boyhood to a beloved patch of western Maine woods. What is the biology in humans of this deep-in-the-bones pull toward a particular place, and how is it related to animal homing? Heinrich explores the fascinating science chipping away at the mysteries of animal migration: how geese imprint true visual landscape memory; how scent trails are used by many creatures, from fish to insects to amphibians, to pinpoint their home if they are displaced from it; and how the tiniest of songbirds are equipped for solar and magnetic orienteering over vast distances. Most movingly, Heinrich chronicles the spring return of a pair of sandhill cranes to their home pond in the Alaska tundra.



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## YVAS MEETINGS

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

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

**Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm: Membership Meeting**



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

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## YVAS WEBSITE BACK ON-LINE: YVAUDUBON.ORG



Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society's newly revised website is now active and on-line for your review! A few menus and pages are still in the process of being updated or edited, however the website committee hopes to have these completed this summer. The new website is fairly easy to use. At the top of the Home Page is the YVAS Flyer Header. Click on it to access the current month's Flyer complete edition. Rotating with the Flyer are announcements of upcoming events. As you will notice, the website has a main ribbon that is navy blue. As the cursor is moved across the ribbon and its topics, drop down menus appear. When one of these topics in the drop down menu is selected (or clicked on) either a description or a link will appear below the second ribbon that is turquoise. Please try it out!

Many YVAS Chapter members take wonderful photographs as was shown at April's Chapter Meeting. Currently the proposed plan is to rotate the photos on the YVAS website every three months - spring, summer, fall and winter. If anyone is interested in submitting photos for posting on the website, please email them to Sheila McKay at [wjhbirdresources@gmail.com](mailto:wjhbirdresources@gmail.com) by August 15 for the first upload.

The YVAS Website Committee (Deb Regele, Nancy Wiggins and Sheila McKay) would like to thank everyone for your patience during this update and revision of the YVAS website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Deb Regele at [dregele@juno.com](mailto:dregele@juno.com).

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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.

## YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 19, 2014



President: Steve Regele  
 Vice President: open  
 Secretary: Dorothy Bartlett  
 Treasurer: Deb Regele  
 Directors: Donn Bartlett, Sheila McKay, Jeanette Tasey, Nancy Wiggins, Cameron Sapp, Steve Linder, Marco Restani

Steve Regele called the Annual General Meeting to order at 6:30. The membership was updated on the following items: Deb Regele reminded that the financials, to date, were in the last flyer and were available at this meeting. She can answer any questions members may have. Donn Bartlett introduced the Nominating Committee, which includes himself, Bernie Mowat, and Dorothy Bartlett.

Officer's appointment is for one year, and Donn presented the slate: Steve Regele, president; Pam Pipal, Treasurer; Dorothy Bartlett, Secretary.

Donn presented the slate for Directors, consisting of new appointments: Cameron Sapp, Steve Linder, Marco Restani and Sue Weinreis.

The next slate for Directors presented by Donn, consisting of re-appointments: Deb Regele, Nancy Wiggins, Donn Bartlett and Sheila McKay.

The president asked for nominations from the floor, and there being none, he asked for a vote on all three slates from the membership. The nominations were approved. Steve Regele reminded the membership that if anyone is interested in an officer or director position, please contact Donn Bartlett or any board member for consideration. He also thanked Deb Regele for her four years of service as Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm, and the program began.



YVAS values all those who volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. We thank Jeanette Tasey and Bill DeMeyer, who have recently resigned, for their long service on the Board and their continuing contributions to YVAS. Three newly confirmed members of the Board of Directors were appointed by the Board and introduced to the membership earlier in the business year: Cameron Sapp, Steve Linder and Marco Restani. YVAS is pleased to welcome two additional new members to the Board who were confirmed at the

annual meeting: Pam Pipal and Sue Weinreis.

Pam Pipal has spent a great deal of time supporting YVAS activities, from the birding field trips to the Christmas Fundraiser. She is a retired accountant and worked for the Bureau of Reclamation in that capacity. With her professional accounting background, Pam has generously volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Sue Weinreis has lived in Billings and worked at MSU Billings in the Financial Aid Office for 28 years. Her interest in birding goes back 25 years when she took an ornithology class from Norm Schoenthal. She been a member of YVAS since 1990 and brings a great deal of personal and professional experience to the Board.



Eastern Screech Owl Fledgling  
 Photo by Jeanette Davis



## FIELD TRIP NOTES



Steve R, Mike W, Doreen H,  
& Robert H Photo by Will  
Crain

**SATURDAY, MAY 3 LAKE BASIN** Led by Mike Weber, this birding safari commenced at 8:10 am from Rocky, with 19 birders in a five car caravan, planning to meet up with the Regele's in Molt. We started off with a bonanza of birds on the pond and in the overcast frigid air. There wasn't enough sun light to identify what few Swallows were flying but we scored at least 20 species on the pond. We traveled on to Big Lake, which is one of 3 interconnected lakes called playa's, that comprise the area's birding ambiance. There is a lot of water to accommodate the migration this year, and maybe next with a little luck from mother nature.

Of the 67 species seen in my group, several were high on the list of 'not often seen'... like the Semipalmated Plover, McCown's and Chestnut-sided Longspurs. A favorite for all, and easily visible, were the Long-billed Curlews, although we were a little early for any of the dramatic mating rituals these birds put on.

We returned through Molt to witness an encounter between a Ferruginous Hawk and a Golden Eagle, while a pair of Gulls nipped at the pinfeathers of both. At Broadview Ponds we were treated to a tree-full of Yellow-rumped, Audubon's Warblers! The following day when I went back it was filled with the Myrtle/coronata variety. Also at the pond was a lone, beautiful White-faced Ibis and a half dozen Ring-necked Ducks. For a bonus, Jim Hansen (MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks) had permission from landowners to visit properties along Highway 3, which added several more species to a great day of birding. Jim also addressed the issue of preventative maintenance of high voltage and low wire reflection tags. These have been shown to help birds navigate away from the deadly wires, and avoid another catastrophe where the birds hit the wire and die in the water below. This in turn causes a botulism that spreads via birds drinking the water. He also spoke to the group about how the natural water systems operate to form these migration goldmines. Submitted by Will Crain

**THURSDAY, MAY 15 RIVERFRONT PARK** A large group of nearly 20 birders spent the evening

chasing birds at Riverfront Park. The woods were unusually quiet for this time of May, with a number of birds that we expected to see not yet present. Perhaps migration is a bit later this year? We worked hard to find a lone Common Yellow Throat. Least Flycatchers, normally common were absent, as well as the expected Bullock Orioles, Chats, Warbling Vireos, Lazuli Buntings and Ovenbirds. Initially, House Wrens and Yellow Warblers were scarce but as we moved through the park we spotted several. We were entertained by a White-breasted Nuthatch and a Downey Woodpecker. Tree Swallows and Barn Swallows darted over the surface of Lake Josephine. A couple American Goldfinches could be heard calling as they flew overhead. As the evening wound to a close we finally were rewarded with beautiful sightings of a singing Catbird, Black-headed Grosbeak and a Song Sparrow. A migratory flock of Ruddy Ducks rested on the lake, and through a spotting scope we could see the male's colorful blue bill. A lone drake Northern Shoveler joined them. Earlier we had a stunning look at a male Wood Duck as it mingled among Mallards and American Coots.

As I pen this a week later I imagine the park is filling up with many of the birds we missed seeing. To me, that is part of the fun of spring migration; anticipating when the bird will arrive, and the joy of seeing them and hearing them once again after a long winter. And maybe spotting one you have not seen before or seeing a rarity after many years of absence. Submitted by Mike Weber

Riverfront Park is located off South Billings Blvd., on the Yellowstone River in Billings, MT, across the road from the Audubon Conservation Education Center. The Park is popular for activities on Josephine Lake, jogging trails, picnic areas and excep-

**SATURDAY, MAY 17 STILLWATER AND WOODBINE AREAS** Led by Ruth Vanderhorst, six cars of birders departed from Rocky Mountain College. Driving along back roads, we spotted a Wilson's Snipe just outside Columbus. We stopped at Itch-ca-Pe Park and saw Hairy and Downey Woodpeckers, a Yellow Warbler, House Wrens, and Tree Swallows, but a visit to the Fireman's Point fishing access had limited sightings. Driving to the Woodbine campground we saw Red-tailed Hawks, Tree Swallows, White Crown, Savannah and Tree Sparrows, and lots of Mountain Blue Birds. At the campground itself, there were Yellow-rumped Warblers and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. As we headed for home, we saw a Say's Phoebe, and at our last stop we found a Calliope Hummingbird, who I think enjoyed watching us, as we did him. While driving, we also saw White Pelicans, Golden Eagles, Sandhill Cranes, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Osprey, Turkey Vultures, Great Blue Herons, Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Fun was had by all, with good weather, good friends, and a lot of birds. Submitted by Robert Hill

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## SATURDAY, MAY 24 POMPEY'S PILLAR

Eighteen birders took off bright and early to get a look at some all-year-round birds in addition to local birds returning from overwintering elsewhere. Among the birds spotted along the way to our first stop were: Wild Turkey, Ring-necked Pheasants, Killdeer, Western Kingbird, and Cliff and Barn Swallows. At Gritty Stone Fishing Access we sighted Great Blue Herons and a Turkey Vulture flying overhead, and the following favorites in the bushes, trees, and grasses: Yellow-breasted Chat, American Redstart, Lazuli Bunting, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow Warbler, among others. At our destination stop we were rewarded with many observations including the following: Bald Eagle, Lark Bunting, Downy Woodpecker, Tree Swallows, Bullock's Oriole, Western Wood-Pewee, Least Flycatcher, American White Pelicans, American Goldfinch, Ovenbird, Violet-green Swallow, Rock Pigeon, Osprey, Eastern Kingbird, and Say's Phoebe. The hands-down highlight of the trip were the Great Horned Owls! Two adults and three/four juveniles were seen on the Pillar itself and in a tree by the Pillar. The juveniles were making short touch-and-goes on and off the Pillar, but one youngster's bold and daring fledge ended tragically when he took off from the Pillar, made hard contact with a tree, and dropped to the ground. Some thought they saw some movement in the grasses where he landed, yet others saw none. Ruth, our trip leader, reported the incident to the Park Rangers in the visitor center, made sure they were aware of the Raptor Center in Bozeman, a bird rehabilitation facility, and followed through by personally talking to a Ranger on duty. After lunch, we stopped at Bundy Bridge to watch an Osprey nesting on the bridge trestle. Further up on the Yellowstone River there was a Bald Eagle nest containing two juveniles. We also spotted an immature Bald Eagle perching on a very low-to-ground snag in a cow pasture. What a wonderful trip! Submitted by Pam Pipal.



GREAT HORNED OWL FLEDGINGS

## NEWS FLASH!!!



Sunday, June 1, at 5pm, **BIRDATHON 2014** was completed by five teams that competed to identify the greatest number of bird species in the preceding 24 hours. The team AVIAN RANGERS, comprised of Mike Weber, Will Crain and Robert Hill, defied rain and hail and found 117 species, beating last year's record of 114. This is the second consecutive year that the team has won the competition, and they deserve our hearty congratulations. The total number of species seen by the collective 5 teams was a record 150. At presstime, Birdathon had raised some \$2500 for the Osprey project. Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to Ruth Vanderhorst!

## TUESDAY, JUNE 3 PICTOGRAPH CAVES

A pleasant sunny afternoon found 11 birders walking the trail at Pictograph Caves State Park. Birds were noticeably fewer than on many trips, but including the trip on Coburn Road to reach the caves, 14 species were identified. It was thrilling to watch a Prairie Falcon wheeling in the sky and a very bright Red-tailed Hawk was brilliantly displayed, thanks to George Mowat and his scope. It was disappointing to not find the expected Rock Wrens and Canyon Wrens but Spotted Towhees were plentiful. It was good to have Tony Cummins, Helen's brother-in-law, on the trip and to try to assist him in reaching his goal of 100 US life birds on this visit from England. Submitted by Ruth Vanderhorst.



## JUNE 6-8 WINGS ACROSS THE BIG SKY Bozeman, MT

Some 400 birders registered to hear keynote speaker John Marzluff present his research on Crows to a packed house on Saturday night, making this the largest Festival sponsored by Montana Audubon. We were welcomed with the opportunity to attend a variety of break-out sessions and to take advantage of some 40 field trip options, hosted by the local Sacajawea Chapter. The birds were out in force and the weather cooperated, which made everyone decide that the field trips they had elected to participate in had to be the best ones of all. One outstanding adventure was a trip along Spanish Creek, through Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch, where we saw or heard some 60 species, and were treated to the sight of a moose in the background. Returning home on Sunday, between Bozeman and Billings, we saw a single Whooping Crane flying low across I90. It was hard to miss the size, shape, and black wing pattern of this magnificent bird.

Submitted by Nancy Wiggins



DUSKY GROUSE Photo by Janice Miller

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17**

**YVAS INVASIVE WEEDS WAR DAY IN BEAR CANYON, PRYOR MOUNTAINS YEAR 2**

The Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society (YVAS) together with the Carbon County Weed District crew and others are sponsoring a weed pull and ‘war on weeds day’ in Bear Canyon, Pryor Mountains on June 17, 2014. The Carbon County Weed District crew will be at the small parking area adjacent to the lower end of the trailhead into Bear Canyon (see map) at 8 AM.

We hope that as many YVAS and other volunteers as possible can rendezvous there and then as well. We will accommodate later arriving volunteers as best we can. If you want to help in this weed control effort, contact Steve Regele at 406-962-3115 or by e-mail at [sregele@juno.com](mailto:sregele@juno.com) for details and logistics. We will keep an eye on the weather forecasts the week before the event, and if inclement weather looks to be a real problem, we will contact you about possible alternate dates.

The efforts will focus on major weed infestations in Bear Canyon, a special birding area for YVAS members and others, as well as an IBA (Important Bird Area), and overall wildlife and recreational sweet spot. The Pryors are special for many reasons including the diversity of birds, other wildlife, and plant communities. Invasive non-native plants are disrupting some of these communities.

Lend a hand to fight the weeds in Bear Canyon, learn about these threats and the limitations of what the BLM and the Forest Service and other land management agencies can do to eradicate or control these weeds, do some birding, and have a great field day.

Additional dates for Pryor Mountain weed fighting events are being sponsored by the Eastern Wildlands Chapter in 2014: Burnt Timber Knapweed pull July 19, 2014; Sage Creek Noxious Weed Pull July 12, 2014. Contact: Eastern Wildlands Chapter of Montana Wilderness Association at 1-406-702-1138, or visit their web site for details – [http://wildmontana.org.s146483.gridserver.com/downloads/WW14\\_final\\_web.pdf](http://wildmontana.org.s146483.gridserver.com/downloads/WW14_final_web.pdf). The Pryor Mountain Weed Pulls are a joint effort of Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society, Carbon County Weed District, Eastern Wildlands Chapter-Montana Wilderness Association, Pryor Mountain Weed Campaign, Pryors Coalition, Billings Bureau of Land Management, and Beartooth RD-Custer National Forest.



**EVENTS AT THE AUDUBON CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER**

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**JUNE & JULY 2014**

**June 15th** Weekend Wonders Family Program, 1:30 – 3 PM.

Open to all ages! Fee is \$2/person or Free for Friends of the Center. Theme this month is “Bring on the Bears!”: How do you tell the difference between black bears, grizzly bears or polar bears? Have you ever encountered one in a forest? Which bear can’t climb trees? Come touch their hides! Feel their claws. Leave this presentation feeling like a “bear expert!” Registration required. Email [education@mtadubon.org](mailto:education@mtadubon.org).

**July 20th** Weekend Wonders Family Program, 1:30 – 3 PM.

Open to all ages! Fee is \$2/person or Free for Friends of the Center. Theme this month is “Canoeing!” Ever wonder what it is like to paddle in a canoe? Ever wonder who lives in our Will’s Marsh? Join us in this exciting adventure as we canoe and use our pond nets to see who lives in our marsh. Registration required. Email [education@mtadubon.org](mailto:education@mtadubon.org).

**June 30 – July 3** Camp for 4th-6th graders, 8:30-12:30 Fee/camper: \$105 (\$95 for Friends of the Center) “Hydro-Power”: We are lucky to live along the beautiful Yellowstone River, and will spend this week of water-based adventures learning where our water comes from, where it goes, who uses it, and how. We’ll enjoy the river with fishing poles and by foot. Registration info at [www.mtacec.org](http://www.mtacec.org)

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**July 14 – 18** Camp for 7th and 8th graders, 8:30-4:30

Fee/camper: \$300 (\$270 for Friends of the Center) “Trail Blazers”: Ever wish you could spend more time out in the woods? Then this camp is for you! We’ll practice backcountry camping skills such as how to pack a backpack, setup a tent, build a campfire, and hang a bear bag. We’ll try our skills out with an overnight on Thursday. Registration info at [www.mtacec.org](http://www.mtacec.org)

**July 14 – 18** Camp for 4th—6th graders, 8:30-4:30

Fee/camper \$300 (\$270 for Friends of the Center) “Boot Camp”: Get ready to move! We’ll explore hiking trails all over the region while we learn a few survival and staying sound techniques along the way. Registration info at [www.mtacec.org](http://www.mtacec.org)

**July 28 – August 1** Camp for 1st—3rd graders, 8:30-12:30

Fee/camper: \$130 (\$117 for Friends of the Center) “Habitats & Hide-aways”: All creatures great and small have special homes that meet their unique needs. We’ll look for burrows, dens, hives, and nests of wild creatures... and then make our own! Registration info at [www.mtacec.org](http://www.mtacec.org)

**2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. 9am-12pm** Volunteer Saturdays. There will be a variety of activities, fitting for all ages and physical abilities, such as planting seedlings, mulching, and monitoring and pulling weeds.

**SPROUTS CLUB** - Are you between the ages of 5 and 18? Do you love being outdoors, getting dirty and volunteering? Well then you should join the Sprouts Club. Come down on the 2nd or 4th Saturday of the month (9am-12pm) and earn a stamp for every hour you volunteer. Get 15 stamps by October 1st and earn a “I volunteer at the Audubon Center” t-shirt! Questions? Email Trinity at [restoration@mtaudubon.org](mailto:restoration@mtaudubon.org). I am looking forward to getting to work along side you!

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## 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. All field trips are open to the public. Passengers will share gas costs with driver when car-pooling. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS.** Do make sure you check all field trips with listings in the Flyer each month for any changes. FIELD TRIP CHAIRS: George and Bernie Mowat 656-7467

June 14	Sat	<b>RED LODGE TRIP. 7 a.m. at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling or Visitors Center in Red Lodge at 9 a.m.</b>	Sack lunch. (The group from Billings will be birding on the way to Red Lodge). Jerry Dalton, leader.
June 21	Sat	<b>PRYOR MOUNTAINS. 7 a.m. at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling or Bridger Rest Stop at 8:00 a.m.</b>	Sack lunch.
Aug 9	Sat	<b>SHOREBIRDS, HAWKS &amp; PRAIRIE BIRDS. 8 a.m.</b>	Sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader.

