



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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YVAS Bird of the Month

Lewis's Woodpecker



This Lewis's Woodpecker was observed on Tuesday, May 17 on the Stillwater River and Woodbine Area field trip. The bird was seen on the road to Woodbine posing on a fence post long enough for everyone on the trip to get a good look and Amer Alghanmi to capture these breathtaking photographs.

This dark woodpecker of open woodlands is found westward of the Great Plains. Its flight is slow and deliberate, reminding

one of a crow or jay. Interestingly, this woodpecker spends most of its feeding time flycatching rather than excavating wood for boring insects. Populations of this bird have declined nearly 82% since 1966.

Adapted from All About Birds, website.



YVAS MEETINGS

All YVAS Meetings are held at the 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, September 12, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 19, 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

We will hold a YVAS fundraiser dinner at 5:30, before the Chapter meeting. Dinner donation: \$6. Sue Weinreis has generously volunteered to coordinate. Please contact her at 406-855-4181 before Friday, Sept. 16 to make reservations and your dish contribution.



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Board Doings and Un-doings Submitted by Sue Weinreis

The Board of Directors of Yellowstone Valley Audubon held its monthly meeting May 9, 2016. Points of discussion were as follows:

- The position of Vice President on the YVAS Board of Directors has been unfilled for two years. A priority for the upcoming year will be to fill this important position.
- Funds raised from the Birdathon this year will be used to place informational signs about birds and birding at Dover Park in time for its Grand Opening July 23.
- Dorothy Bartlett modeled a toque she made, perfect for chilly spring morning birding. The knit hat, decorated with songbird profiles, was raffled at the May meeting. Trenay Hart was the lucky winner.
- The Board discussed questions and ethics of advertising items for sale and promoting other groups' activities and outings on our website and on Facebook.
- Deb Regele reported that the Osprey Monitoring was in full swing, with most birds incubating. She reported that the homemade device she and Steve invented, which they call a "Goose Off," was successful in discouraging geese from nesting on osprey platforms.
- The Board discussed the feasibility of setting up an osprey Web Cam.
- The Board will not meet again until the second Monday in August.

Audubon Fundraiser Potlucks 2016-17 Greetings, YVAS Bird and Food Lovers!

NEEDED: Hosts/hostesses for every month October – May, 2016-17 **PLEASE CONTACT:** Sue Weinreis at 406-855-4181 and choose your month to host a potluck.

It has been a tradition of YVAS to offer a Potluck dinner to members and friends prior to each regular YVAS meeting as a tasty way to meet and greet fellow birders and to raise money for YVAS service projects. The host/hostess provides a main dish for 24-30 people. Everyone else brings a salad, side, bread, or dessert sufficient to serve 6-12 people. Water and coffee are provided. The cost of the potluck is \$6.00 per person. The host/hostess are not required to pay. Dinner is served promptly at 5:45 pm.

See you in September!

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Meetings are held September through May at the 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 all members.
 • General Chapter Meetings are held the third Monday of each
 month at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Saturday, May 7 Riverfront Park*Submitted by Hannah Knick*

Twelve enthusiastic birders met at Riverfront Park on a cool, cloudy morning. The temperature did start to rise and layers were soon shed. As we were preparing to walk the trail a melodic Song Sparrow was heard. We soon found him with spotting scopes and watched as he sang with all his heart. We moved on and soon came upon a little group of House Wrens flitting about an old snag. An old Cottonwood tree had its top broken off and looked like a bird condo. The House Wrens were moving from hole to hole. As we approached the Yellowstone River, we could hear the Osprey and Bald Eagles screeching. We soon found a juvenile Bald Eagle in a Cottonwood branch above us. We were able to set up scopes and get a good look at him before he flew down river. There were many birds in the canopy of the river bottom, unfortunately they all happened to be European Starlings. We saw the cutest Yellow Warbler, which hardly sat still for a second. We heard the call of a Black-headed Grosbeak. He was soon in our scopes so everyone enjoyed his bold black, rust and white markings. A Mourning Dove was spotted on her nest in the crook of a Cottonwood. At the pond, we found a wonderful menagerie of Mallards, Canada Geese, Red-winged Blackbirds, Great Blue Heron and Painted Turtles. Heading back to the parking lot, we spotted a pair of Ruddy Ducks with bright blue bills, along with a Bufflehead Duck. Red-tailed Hawks were circling overhead. In 3 hours and we had seen or heard 35 species of and many other flora and fauna to complete a great morning.

Sunday, May 8 Bear Canyon Birding/Hiking*Submitted by Trenay Hart*

Nineteen people showed up early for a hike into Bear Canyon for birding. A total of 57 species were counted. The highlight of the trip was the "Wren Trifecta" we ticked off: Rock Wren, House Wren and Canyon Wren! Thank you to all who were willing to get up early and hike to the end of the Canyon. I plan to lead it again next season.

Thursday, May 12 Riverfront Park*Submitted by Nancy Traeger*

Mike Weber led a hardy group of birders on a windy, cloudy evening. Brian Henderson kept the list of the 30 species spotted and identified. This group of birders, before leaving the lake, saw Canada Geese, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Double-crested Cormorant, Western Grebe, Ring-billed Gull, American Coot, Ring-necked Pheasant, Red-tailed Hawk, and Caspian Tern. As the group moved through the park other species were spotted and identified: Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, House Wren, American Robin, and European Starling. This writer, however, gave up and fled to the warmth of a home and missed seeing Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, and American Goldfinch.

Sunday, May 16th Yellowstone River Wildlife Management Area (WMA)*Submitted by Will Crain*

A band of YVAS members headed out to new birding grounds located adjacent to Pompey's Pillar at the Bundy Bridge fishing access, where we met our guide: Meghan O'Reilly, Non-game Biologist, Region 5 with MFWP. We started with a pair of Wood Ducks, a grand opening to a new adventure. From the Bundy fishing access, Meghan led us upriver for 2 miles where we indulged a pair of Lazuli Buntings vying for territory and it just got better from there. For me, this trip was special in putting clues into place. The party of 14 had the liberty to roam as we wished. I was set on calling up a pair of Belted Kingfisher and sure enough they played for the camera.

As I moved toward a few folks who were ogling some birds farther up the trail, I spotted what appeared to be a Western Wood-Pewee, except that it lacked the distinct head shape and charcoal color. As I watched it fly from a bare branch in the open and catch an insect and back ~ Camera shooting away, great sunlight! It was the best picture of an Olive-sided Flycatcher I've taken because the others were from under the canopy in the shade. Another identification clue is that the Olive-sided Flycatcher is the last of the migrant flycatchers to grace the Yellowstone River (Thank you Mike Weber for the ID tip!). It caught insects from a bare branch in the open and was brownish, olive drab, not much for wing bars, and sporting a nice-looking tux and called a cheery "Beer, Beer, Beer".

After our roaming, we came back to lunch with the Lazuli Buntings. We concluded the trip a few miles up the Yellowstone WMA into Mule Deer country. We saw 50 species in total. Thank you, Brian Henderson for your generous sharing of bird knowledge, scope, data sharing and sense of humor. Thank you, Meghan! The Yellowstone WMA was an awesome birding adventure. Maps and birding species list of the area are available at the MFWP office at Lake Elmo. We look forward to sharing fun and lunch in the birding fields anywhere.

Tuesday, May 17 Stillwater River and Woodbine Area*Submitted by Donn Bartlett*

It has been a busy week of field trips, and a good group of people were ready to roll at 7am at the RMC meeting place. This is many people's favorite annual trip led by Ruth Vanderhorst.

The first stop was at the ponds on 64th Street W, where a symphony of birds welcomed us, including Yellow-headed Blackbirds and Canvasbacks. From Park City we took the back road to Columbus seeing birds along the way and were rewarded by discovering a Wilson's Snipe posing for us. Next stop was Fireman's Point fishing access which produced some Yellow Warblers and an American Dipper but was otherwise a bit quiet that morning.

On the road to Woodbine we had the thrill of the day, a Lewis's Woodpecker perched on a post long enough for everyone to get a good look and pictures. At Woodbine Ruby-crowned Kinglets were singing all over the place...finding them in binoculars was another story, but we were successful. We also had excellent looks at a couple of Yellow-rumped Warblers. Back along the Stillwater we visited the ever faithful Calliope Hummingbird. Ruth and Helen remember him from 15 years ago, so there was discussion about whether this could be the same bird, another generation or just a lucky hummer who found this great summer home.

The birding group on this day included a number of really good birders, so we documented 73 species! It has been a wonderful spring birding season so far. On to the next trip Saturday!

Saturday, May 21 Pompey's Pillar and Captain Clark's Fishing Access*Submitted by Robert Hill*

Detouring East on the Frontage Road at the Pompey's Pillar exit, we stopped at the Captain Clark's Fishing Access observing 26 bird species. It was a great morning. Some species included: Spotted Sandpiper, White-throated Swift, Gray Catbird, Yellow-breasted Chat and Spotted Towhee.

On to Pompey's Pillar we entered the park on "Senior Park Passes" without charge. But in all fairness not all the birders were seniors. The group of 19 birders split up in the park and tallied 41 bird species. We observed Least Flycatcher, Say's Phoebe, White-breasted Nuthatch, 3 wren species, Cedar Waxwing, Common Yellowthroat, Lazuli Bunting, Bull-ock's Oriole, and American Goldfinch. Those of you who did not attend missed a great day of birding and friendship. After birding we had lunch in the Park. A Golden Eagle nest was visited near the Yellowstone WMA by some on the way home. One adult Eagle was observed on a branch above the nest and two fuzzy headed nestlings were seen in the nest. After that everyone headed home to beat the big storm.

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. Binoculars and birding books are available on loan at the field trips
FIELD TRIP CHAIR: Donn Bartlett 252-0757, donnbartlett@msn.com

June 3-5	Fri-Sun	MT AUDUBON BIRD FESTIVAL IN MISSOULA	Visit www.mtaudubon.org for more information.
June 7	Tues	Bull Mountains east of Highway 87. 7:30 am.	Sack lunch. Steve and Deb Regele, leaders
June 11	Sat	Red Lodge Area	Meet at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling at 7:00 am or Lions Park in Red Lodge at 8:30 am. Sack lunch. Jerry Dalton and Stan Heath, leaders.
June 18	Sat	Pryor Mountains-Sage Creek	Meet at Rocky Mountain College at 7:00 am or at the Bridger Rest Stop at 8:30 am. Sack lunch. Deb and Steve Regele and Stan Heath, leaders
Aug 6	Sat	Shorebirds, Hawks, & Prairie Birds 8:00 am	Sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader.
Aug 19-21	Fri-Sun	Bowdoin NWR	Observe migrating birds including warblers and shorebirds in Northwestern MT. Ruth Vanderhorst, leader. Call Ruth at 406-245-5118 for information. Make your own reservations for two nights at Maltana Motel in Malta 406-654-2610.





Bonnie (Richardson) Preikszas
born February 25, 1914, died July 4, 2015

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society is fortunate to have many long-term and committed members who have made significant contributions to the mission and goals of the organization. The Chapter recently received the generous gift of \$10,000 from the Estate of Bonnie (Richardson) Preikszas, who died on July 5, 2015 at the age of 101. Bonnie was born Feb. 25, 1914, to F.H. and Glen (Mainwaring) Richardson near Acton. The family lived in Silesia and Columbus, where she graduated in 1931 as class valedictorian. She continued her education at Montana State Normal School and taught primary grades in Lincoln and Belfry. She worked as a meteorological aide for the National Weather Services in Billings and Great Falls. She married Otto J. Preikszas in 1963. They lived in Georgia, Alaska and Maryland before retiring to Laurel where she became involved with YVAS. Her nephew Joel Bowers, YVAS Membership Secretary, recalls her being an avid birder, always with binoculars when growing up in Silesia. She related a story to Joel of her mother packing up the family (which included an infant), hitching up the buckboard in Silesia, and traveling to Acton to visit her mother for a few days. Birders have always been hardy and generous. YVAS is very grateful to Bonnie and her family for this generous and humbling gift.
Submitted by Nancy Wiggins

Each year we get bombarded with more depressing news on the status and trends of bird populations. The recently released *State of North America's Birds 2016* adds color to the grim scene rendered the last decade. The 8-page, information-dense report challenges optimism with some knee-buckling statements: "One-third of all North American Bird Species Need Urgent Conservation Action." and "In particular, long-distance migratory shorebirds and species that migrate from the Great Plains to Mexico's Chihuahua grasslands have lost, on average, almost 70% of their continental populations since 1970." It's no coincidence the report was issued on the 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The North American Bird Conservation Initiative issued its findings after assessing the 1,154 species native to Canada, Mexico, and the continental US (see <http://www.stateofthebirds.org>). Oceanic and Tropical/Sub-tropical birds are "in crisis" and, on our part of the continent, aridland and grassland species continue to show steep declines. We need to do more for bird conservation and to do it quickly. Most waterbirds and waterfowl are doing well because wetlands were protected after policy makers, scientists, and sponsors had the will to work creatively and collaboratively. Efforts to eradicate invasive predators on islands, to improve forest management in boreal and tropical regions, and to market the green certification of coffee, beef, and seafood provide the tiniest glimmers of hope. Only 46 years separate us from 1970; we simply can't afford to lose another 70% of bird populations.
Submitted by Marco Restani

Things That Seem Impossible are Often the Things Worth Doing

It has been a year and a half since the Baling Twine Committee (BTC) held its first meeting to address the dangers and problems of loose and unused baling twine in the environment. This effort has evolved into three phases.

Through summer markets, Gazette and magazine articles, the many YVAS volunteers at the 2016 MATE booth, and speaking at meetings, the BTC continues to meet its first goal of increasing public awareness to the dangers of loose and unused twine.

The second phase is the first step to a recycling program. A large, easily accessible, permanent area for twine storage is needed before the twine recycling program can be established. Members of the BTC have made dozens of inquiries to property owners and organizations trying to establish a location for twine storage. The group knew this wasn't going to be an easy task but we continue to pursue promising leads on locations throughout the summer.

After the second phase is completed, the third phase will be to tell the public to "BRING ON THE TWINE"! Collection barrels and dumpsters will be placed at various locations for easy access by the public. At this point, volunteers will be needed to help haul and sort the twine from these smaller sites to the large storage site.

The BTC is learning as it goes but we are an optimistic and realistic group! If anyone is interested in joining or assisting the BTC with ideas, please let us know. Contact any member: Deb at 962-3115, Doreen at 697-0277, Lisa at 698-9405, or Mary at 697-3007.

BIRDATHON 2016: A RECORD BREAKING EVENT*Submitted by Ruth Vanderhorst*

Memorial Day weekend is not the best time to hold a Birdathon but this year the five teams all performed well, reaching a grand total of 165 species, a full 20 more than their previous best! How difficult is it to identify that many species in a 24 hour period? Contending with crowded public areas and some muddy trails but celebrating the near perfect weather, the teams all returned with smiles on their sunburned and tired faces and ready to share their finds.

The winning team, "Avian Rangers" with Mike Weber (Leader), Will Crain, Robert Hill and Brian Henderson won the competition for the **FOURTH** straight year! These guys blend expertise, endurance and knowledge with their generous personalities and we salute them! They reported 125 species.

Second place went to "Home and Overseas," who reported 108 species identified. This team was organized by George Mowat who was felled by a bug and unable to participate. Therefore, Peter and Tony Cummins along with Helen Carlson Cummins celebrated with British smiles their skill in finding American species. Congratulations to them!

Another new team, "A Matter of a Pinyon" composed of newcomers Frank Cookson, Jonathan Lutz, and Laura Westwood found 92 species searching the grasslands. Well done!

"Senior Moments" with Pam Pipal, Nancy Traeger and Ruth Vanderhorst reported 87 species. They also reported lots of uproarious laughter.

And "Goldeneyes" with Sheila McKay and Jacob Meisner reported 77 species. Sheila offered to add a few species from her bird business (with a big smile). She refrained.

The reporting event was held at the Mayflower Church. It was hosted by Dorothy and Donn Bartlett who generously provided the tasty selection of pizzas and soft drinks on which the group feasted, some of us quite ravenously.

Sheila McKay presented the winning "Avian Rangers" with a gift in celebration of their championship. Thank you, Sheila.

A full report of the donations and monies raised by this competition will appear in the next edition of the Flyer after all contributions have been tallied. It is not too late to donate to this event which will support construction of signs about birds and conservation at the new Dover Park, which is being completed by the Yellowstone River Parks Association. Send contributions to YVAS Birdathon, P.O. Box 1075, Billings, MT, 59103.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, to all the participants, and to the Bartlett's.

Bird News from Nye, MT*Submitted by Coleen Perdue*

Although I have only been able to attend one YVAS event, I thought perhaps fellow members might be interested in what is happening here in my yard on the upper Stillwater River. Twenty years ago we planted 50 trees on an empty 5 acre lot on the Stillwater River. At that time and presently our visitors are Sandhill Cranes, "Mr. and Mrs. Bald Eagle", Golden Eagles, Canada Geese, Blue Grouse, American Dipper, American Robin, Rock Wren, Northern Flicker, Tree Swallow, Downy Woodpecker, Common Raven, Great Blue Heron, Black-capped Chickadee, and Black-billed Magpie. I no longer hear the Western Screech-Owl that sat on the ridgepole of our house, but this morning I did hear the Great Horned Owl that lives on the river.

Today, May 30th we had a rainbow of color in our yard: Black-chinned and Calliope Hummingbirds were first to arrive the second week of May, several Mountain Bluebirds pass through, and one pair stayed to nest. Next were Red-winged Blackbirds and American Crows who aren't as numerous as last year. The spring song of Western Meadowlarks and warning calls of Killdeer remind me of my childhood in the Dakota's. Mr. Meadowlark thought he found a mate but she blew him off. A talkative Say's Phoebe stops in occasionally looking under the eave for last years nest. Flocks of Pine Siskin, Common Redpoll and American Goldfinch empty feeders everyday! Thankfully, we have very few House Finch and I have identified only one sparrow, the Song Sparrow. There are only 4 male American Goldfinch this spring; we had several die last spring, perhaps due to dust heavy machines kicking up across the river. Today was extra special as 2 Eastern Kingbirds arrived as well as 6 Bohemian Waxwings. For about 2 weeks now we have been entertained by at least 4 bright orange Bullock Oriole and their mates. They have taken over the weeping birch and only the hummingbirds defy them. We have a birdbath, 4 hummingbird feeders, 2 oriole feeders (one for grape jelly), 2 thistle seed feeders, 1 black oil sunflower feeder, and a water fountain. The Wild Turkey's and Mourning Doves clean up under the feeders

A flock of Willets passed through 2 weeks ago. One juvenile spent a few days on the river. Two days ago there was a terrific row when an immature Bald Eagle plundered a Magpie nest in a Spruce tree. The parents drove the Eagle off but were too late. What an ugly nest the Magpies build. A Turkey Vulture was also captured in a photograph at her home by a neighborhood professional wildlife photographer.

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 up for renewal in JUNE and JULY. Please use the application form below (include 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. Contact Membership Secretary Joel M. Bowers at 406-534-3672 or jmba@jmba.com, with any questions.

June/July 2016 Renewals: Mike & Jeannie Cantrell, Grant Barnard, Jim & Jean Sells, Rita Cetrone, George Mowat, Jean Boone, James King, Claudia Janecek, Gail Speck, Jacob Meisner, Gwen Emmerson, Sheila McKay, Susan Brandt, Jim & Virginia Court, Mike & Nancy Downing, Trenay Hart, Robert Hill, Donna Lance, Burton Williams, and Jon Wright.



SUBMISSIONS FOR THE FLYER:

A friendly reminder: please make your best effort of putting submissions to the Flyer in a Word Document using Times New Roman, font size 11. Otherwise, I have to transcribe what you send me prior to getting it in to the Flyer. Also, please check spelling, grammar and bird species names for correctness. Appreciated, Trenay Hart, Flyer Editor.

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the beautiful knitted hat adorned with birds donated and made by Board Member Dorothy Bartlett. All of the proceeds totaling \$81.00 went to the YVAS General Fund. All donations are used to further our mission, "...to promote enjoyment and protection of the natural environment..."

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 (electronically), Make check payable to **National Audubon Society**. Renewals will be sent to you through National Audubon.

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One Year Membership: \$20 One year new membership

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

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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.

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At left: **Black-headed Grosbeak** photo by George Mowat.

Robert Hill submitted the photographs he took below while on a recent trip to Liberty, Maine.
At left is a **Tufted Titmouse** and at right is a **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**.

