

*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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## The YVAS Flyer is 50 Years Old this Month

The Flyer, Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society's newsletter, is celebrating its 50th anniversary! The first issue was published and mailed in October 1970 by Billie Hicks (Billings Audubon Society's President). It is included in this edition of the October 2020 Flyer. At the time, YVAS was named the Billings Audubon Society. As you read the first issue, you will notice there is a request for members to submit suggested names for the new publication. Obviously, The Flyer was the favored name. From 1953 to 1976, YVAS was known as the Billings Audubon Society. In early 1976 when Helen Carlson Cummins became president, the name was changed to Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society to include the ever-growing membership in southeastern Montana.

A special thank you to both Peter and Helen Cummins. Acknowledgment of this memorable event might have gone unnoticed if it hadn't been for Peter Cummins' never ending search through Helen Cummins' bird lists. Helen's lists, which she has saved, go back over 50 years.

*Submitted by Deb Regele*

## YVAS Board Highlights for September 2020

Your Board Hard at Work in the Time of the Pandemic

**Membership** in YVAS has dropped since last March and the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership Data Chair Peter Cummins will be sending e-mails to members who are in arrears with dues, and postcards to those without e-mail addresses.

**Program Committee/Chapter Meetings:** In lieu of YVAS monthly chapter programs, the Board is looking at ways of providing our members with fun and educational alternatives. A PBS representative has agreed to attend our board meeting to explain options for streaming PBS programs to our members.

**Nocturnal Bird Recording Project:** Mike Weber has been monitoring the night skies over Billings by recording migrating bird calls for the last three years. He gave an update on the equipment he bought with a YVAS Grant, a short history of the project to date, and the future potential of the project. An organization called Project Night Flight is now helping YVAS with processing the raw data, sharing these recordings for scientific use, and working with Cornell Lab as a repository for the Night Flight Data. Mike intends to write short articles for the Flyer periodically on what birds are flying over Billings at night.

*Submitted by Sue Weinreis*

Corrections for Sept issue:

- An incorrect date for the board meeting on page 5. The actual date was Sept 14 as listed on board notice.
- The bird on the back cover is a Williamson's Sapsucker and not a Hairy Woodpecker.



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Billings Audubon Society

Issue 1

October 1970

**Our First Bulletin** I hope that you will want to contribute news items in our future issues. Bird sightings, issues that you think we might want to be better informed about, whatever is of interest to you, will be to us also.

**Field trip** Helen Carlson (from Bozeman), Don MacDonald & I went on a field trip on October 10. Helen & I had gone the day before so rather than duplicate the lists of what we saw, I will list what we saw on Saturday and asterisk them if we saw them on Sunday too. We went to a farm on the river, Coulson Park & to Mr. Howard Ruth's home; \*Meadowlark, \*Starling, \*House Sparrow, \*Lesser Yellowlegs, \*Long-Billed Dowitcher, \*Red-winged Blackbird, Green-winged Teal, \*Maggie, \*R.S. Flicker, \*Rufous-sided Towhee, \*Pheasant, \*White-crowned Sparrow, Brewer Blackbird, \*Bl. Cap. Chickadee, \*Downy Woodpecker, \*Audubon Warbler, \*Slate C. Junco, \*Oregon Junco, and the additional list we saw on Sunday were, Rock Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Common Grackle, Killdeer, Water Pipit, Solitary Sandpiper, Blue-winged Teal, Fox Sparrow, Gulls, Pine Siskin, Evening Grosbeak, Robin, Harris Sparrow, White-throat Sparrow, and last but not least a Yellow shafted Flicker.

We are going to have to get a field trip organized. There is quite a lot to be seen in just a morning here round town.

### Notes from People

A letter from Mayor Hultgren, thanking us for our letter in support of the rims being declared a Nat. Monument. He hopes that he can count on our support if a bond issue is necessary to buy this land and to keep it from development until this hope becomes a reality.

A letter from Mr. Melcher informs that the Public Land Law Review commission has recommended amendment to mining laws to authorize federal regulation of exploration to preserve the ecology of the areas explored. Legislation is now being drafted and conservationists hope it will put an end to bulldozing & every other form of destructive operations to prove up mineral claims. Action probably won't come until next year.

### Subscription

Annual subscription price to Montana Environmentalist, the publication of the Montana Wildlife Federation is only \$2 per year. George Darrow suggests that this publication is a good way to keep informed about our state's environmental quality & the measures necessary to maintain that quality.

### Another Note

This one from our regional representative, Mr. Robert Turner. He will be in Montana in February and hopes to meet us. I will write & hope he can be here for our meeting. He has been working with our Garden Clubs on the falconry legislation for our state. This is something we might support in writing letters to our legislature.

### Stamps

Save all commemorative stamps and bring them to the monthly meetings. Carefully cut around them leaving a ¼ inch border. I will send them to an Audubon club in Florida where they will be carefully removed from the envelope and sold to stamp dealers. The money is used for a nesting sanctuary for Bald Eagles.

### Idea

Anyone have a good idea for a name for our bulletin? Other clubs have ones named after birds.

### Membership

Next month, I hope to get the membership list typed up with addresses and phone numbers. This should help when we need a ride to monthly meeting or want to know where to call for more of those sunflower seeds or items for the bulletin...

I forgot to tell you that Helen & I saw a badger in the field just west of Billings a few miles. We added him to our list for the day.

I hope you will ignore the amateur typing and that we will have so many special things to report next month that you will be too interested to notice... See YOU ON THE "28" at Security Banks hospitality room.

## Night Flight Recording Project Update

In 2017 in collaboration with MPG Ranch, which is a private conservation organization, YVAS purchased equipment to record the flight calls of nocturnal bird migrants.

Generally speaking, most migrants journey under the cover of darkness. A number of these species call during migration. These calls are recorded as an electronic signature called a spectrograph. Each species typically has its own unique spectrograph which is separate and distinct from other species. There are a few exceptions to that; for example the spectrograph of a Lincoln and a Swamp sparrow are so similar that we are unable to tell them apart.

I started recording in the fall of 2017. Fall season runs from late July to the end of October or to mid-November. Although migrants taper off at the end of the season, you can capture birds such as Tree Sparrows and Lapland Longspurs. Spring season begins late April and runs through early June when we will still be capturing Swanson's Thrush calls. We recorded spring and fall in 2018 and 2019. Tech issues kept us from recording this past spring. I was able to start recording this fall starting about the third week in August.

Up on my rooftop in west Billings I have a 3 gallon plastic bucket. In the bucket is a specialized microphone that picks up migrating bird songs, some out of the range of human hearing. The microphone is covered with cellophane and a dust cover. A cable runs to a dedicated recording laptop in my home.

During a busy night in spring or fall, it is not unusual to have over a thousand night flight calls. At the end of fall season it is pretty quiet with few calls.

MPG ranch is working on processing the recording and sharing the bird recordings with YVAS of "what is migrating over Billings." I will be sharing these results in our future YVAS flyers.



Submitted by Mike Weber



MPG Ranch promotes conservation through restoration, research, education and information sharing.

Our researchers specialize in restoration and ecology. We seek new ways to understand and restore lands affected by invasive weeds, herbicide use, and other management practices that create disturbances. MPG works closely with local conservation groups and researchers to offer educational opportunities to students of all ages.

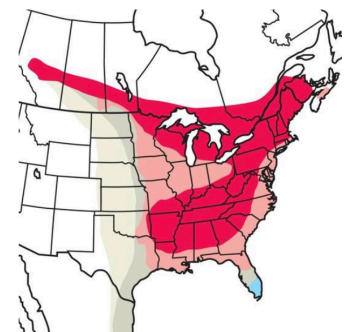
## A Buteo platypterus Day

On 19 September three YVAS members participated in the Red Lodge Area Hawk Watch below the palisades of Meeteetse Trail.

The socially-distanced group started the day with low expectations because the sky was cloudy, temperatures were cool, and winds nonexistent – altogether poor environmental conditions for raptors wanting to migrate. Lo and behold, the mid-morning action started with a bang...the first two raptors spotted were Broad-winged Hawks!

The surprising flight continued throughout the day with 10 broadwings tallied by early afternoon, tying the day's high count with American Kestrels...trash birds, indeed. Other raptors observed included Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, and Prairie Falcon.

Broad-winged Hawks are a rare migrant in Montana, passing through the state on their way to and from breeding areas in Canada (Figure courtesy of National Audubon). The count of 10 broadwings near Red Lodge is comparable to or slightly lower than high counts observed at hawk watches in western Montana and infinitesimal to the spectacular flights witnessed at Hawk Ridge in Duluth, Minnesota where the daily record exceeded 101,000 in 2003!



Submitted by Marco Restani

## VOLUNTEERING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19: *It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.*

I am going to make a bold statement and say that for me the months of May, June, and July 2020, were THE BEST OF TIMES! WHAT? In the Time of COVID-19, Masks, and Physical Distancing? YES! When Carolyn Jones, my husband John Enright, and I were invited to spend as much time as we could spare in Yellowstone National Park, working as volunteers on the Wild Bird Project, we said YES.

Our assignment was two-part: to monitor red-tailed hawk (RTHA) nesting activity at known nest locations on the YNP northern range; and to provide park visitors with information about the nesting swans at Swan Lake. After training on RTHA nesting behavior, GPS navigation, interpretation, Digiscoping (using a cell phone with a telescope to take a photo), and safety – think bear spray – we were ready to go.

A typical day as a volunteer in YNP:

- ❖ Don our park-issued shirt and ball cap
- ❖ Stop at Mammoth HQ to pick up scopes, binoculars, GPS, first aid kit, notebook, BEAR SPRAY
- ❖ Drive to a RTHA nest location, stopping to let the bison go by, slowing for the young bear by the side of the road, checking out the White-faced Ibis at Blacktail Ponds
- ❖ Using our GPS, find the Observation Point (OP) and set up the scope, sometimes right by the car, but most times after a hike of a few hundred feet or even a few miles
- ❖ Locate nest(s) and observe any hawk activity in the area, take Digiscope photos
- ❖ Record observations, GPS coordinates in the notebook
- ❖ Eat picnic lunch while enjoy springtime in YNP
- ❖ Repeat.
- ❖ Check out.
- ❖ Recount to each other Highlights of the Day: (We saw ALL EIGHT UNGULATES today!!)



With the reopening and tourists in June, volunteerism expanded to include interpreting to park visitors about the pair of Trumpeter Swans nesting at Swan Lake. A bonus pair of nesting Sandhill Cranes was also visible from the Swan Lake parking lot. Although other parts of Montana, notably the Centennial Valley, has good numbers of Trumpeters, YNP has only eight pairs of nesting residents. Our role was to educate visitors about the importance of the swans to Yellowstone ecosystem while encouraging them to view and photograph them from a distance. We met lots of wonderful, respectful tourists and enjoyed this part of our assignment.

The project terminated in mid-July when the nesting periods of both hawks and swans were over. The three of us plan to volunteer for the project again next spring, even though we know that we will never again have the unique experience of being the only visitors in the Park.

Highlights:

- ◆ Female wolf and 4 pups playing up close and personal
- ◆ The bison who followed us for a mile back to our car – he kept his distance...and he was just trying to find his peeps, but still... unnerving.
- ◆ The bear we didn't see because we were looking for a RTHA Nest
- ◆ The first RTHA nestlings we spied

If you are interested in the opportunity to learn a lot about birds, contribute as a Citizen Scientist, and have some fun, more information on how to volunteer will be available next spring.

Submitted by Sue Weinreis



### A Personal Experience with Cat Control

Fellow Birders, I nearly went to prison for 2.5 years, 2008 as I recall. The Cat problem was overwhelming, with a dozen cats or more a day roaming into the birding sanctuary that is my backyard, leaving their calling card, in the middle of Billings, Terry & 7th... old city, and filled with stray cats.

Day in day out since mid-2005, I was getting swarmed by cats...I simply did not know what to do. Previous experience with Animal Control in another jurisdiction left me bewildered ...

One fine August day, a 'free roaming cat' killed a recently fledged Blue Jay in my backyard. I saw the cat with the bird in its mouth. The next day I decided to get a trap and end this marauding cats activity.

After trapping, my final solution wasn't legal, but for sure that cat isn't going to roam anymore. I'm not sorry...but it did cost my daughters \$10,000 to keep me out of prison. It boggles the mind to be sure ~ needless to say there are really bad attorneys to be had. Yes, my solution to eliminate this Blue Jay killer wasn't legal in the city.

I have better tools now...

This is a BIG tool: I had no idea I could call the Animal Control (AC) and they'd come retrieve the trapped cat!!! No questions asked, no address taken, though a few AC officers wanted to know my secrets to trapping. There really aren't any secrets - common sense will catch 'it' eventually. Trapping is the only humane way to resolve this critter issue in the Billings city limits. And I'd be honored to set it for you.

Yesterday when I began this request [for a Flyer article] I had set two traps 'cause there are 3 kitties roaming the neighborhood. They're not heavy enough to trip the trigger...so I brought a squirrel trap into the plan. Still nothing . . .

Yes indeed the nightmare of being handcuffed and pushed into a patrol car...the incident was easily 4 months passed; that bam-bam-bam knock on my door at 7AM one August Friday by the Billings Police Department (BPD) certainly lit up my PTSD... And I really thought I would get a medal!

Booked into the Yellowstone County Detention Center, finger printed, photo'd, write up in the Billings Gazette.

Solutions to the dilemma: Trap, buy or rent (I know somebody). Don't let these victims victimize you. No I don't like Cat Fertilizer but one BPD officer thought I was missing my bet.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse: you cannot run after, chase, pelt with rocks, or do anything that can be construed as harassment or CRUELTY to cats. If you live in the County you may dispatch a predator but you may not torture.

For a time after the incident I tried, I set up a photo process that the AC sanctioned. I'd photo the cat in my surroundings and with the date time stamp follow cat back to its doorstep! and the AC would come and issue a citation, NO questions asked other than 'Is this a photo of your cat?'

One reason I had so many cats after this photo program engaged, was that the neighbor next door west of me was housing 6 cats, 4 over the legal amount. OMG ! Then the people with the cat that I killed and took me to court had 5 cats, and they were cited.

My landlord adamantly refuses to allow me to trap cats. This sure doesn't help my cat mitigating program or me, the birds or the City.

Cats breed incessantly. Watching the 'lil ol' ladies feeding a plethora of stray cats on the border of the Audubon Nature Center has been beyond baffling. Maybe things have changed, but you will encounter feline shock if you navigate the back waters of Lake Josephine...Stray Cats are Not good for our birds in Riverfront Park.

Traps are simple to operate and run about \$50; sharing is caring.

There is a code booklet that the AC puts out, but you only get it if you ask. I'll see if I can't find some for the next social distancing meet up.

Through my \*photo cat program\* I cost 2 near neighbors \$900 to \$1000 apiece. And they haven't let their cat out in years!

House Cats belong in the House otherwise they are but predators to the core.

Too bad this 'lil code book is not put in every home owner's mailbox on a regular basis, every other year for sure.

Well here it is, not a rough format but the publication as I'd like to see it . . . basic editing notwithstanding ~

Thank you,  
Will

NOTE to reader: The take-away from Will's story is that the only legal ways to control cats trespassing on your property are to trap them for pickup by Animal Control or to take pictures of them to present to Animal Control as evidence, for purposes of issuing a citation. Other than Will's offer regarding trapping, the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter is one source of traps and rents them for \$10 per week. The City Ordinance covering cats at large and stating that small animal permits are needed for ownership of over 4 cats (2 more now than in Will's story) is Ordinance No. 05-5351.

*Submitted by Will Crain, Edited by Pam Pipal*





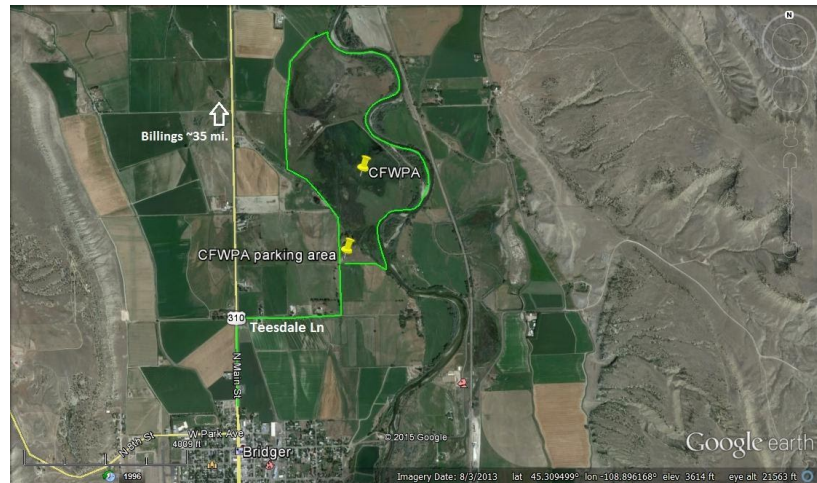
### Clark's Fork Waterfowl Production Area and Wildlife and Recreation Site

YVAS received approval of a \$5,000.00 MT Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) Watchable Wildlife Grant for a shelter and benches at Clark's Fork Waterfowl Production Area, north of Bridger, MT (see map). The August completion date noted in the June/July Flyer has had to be pushed back. The YVAS Board of Directors is arranging construction of the shelter, purchase and installation of benches and for mowing a trail to improve ease of access to the shelter and to some good birding. The work is planned for completion this year. Watch future Flyer and Facebook postings for updates.

YVAS will take care of maintenance of the mowed trails and upkeep on the shelter. Anyone interested in contributing to this can do so by contacting Pam Pipal (YVAS Treasurer) or Steve Regele (YVAS President).

We certainly appreciate what MT Fish Wildlife and Parks (Watchable Wildlife Grant) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (landowner) did to make this happen! The Clark's Fork Waterfowl Production Area provides exceptional bird and other wildlife habitat and offers great recreation opportunities. Visit the site and enjoy those opportunities year around - before or after the shelter and benches are in place!

Submitted by Steve Regele



### Bird and Related Programs

The Covid-driven limitations on getting out to movies or other community gatherings are not much fun. But there are a lot of at home opportunities for entertainment and armchair birding.

For example:

Going to YouTube.com and in the Search Ribbon simply typing in such things as "National Geographic movies about birds free for viewing" or "PBS movies about birds free for viewing" brings up many options for viewing great free movies. Click on the "X" to skip ads!

Exploring Cornell <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home> and <https://ebird.org/home> as well as the National Audubon Society web site <https://www.audubon.org/> will lead you into some good places.

You might enjoy exploring Montana PBS offerings too at <https://www.montanapbs.org/>. Additionally at that web site Montana PBS members can go to "Passport" on the top "Ribbon" and simply visit the MTPBS Video page to start watching a wide selection of PBS films. New members can sign up by following the step-by-step guide to sign in on the web page. Many great offerings await there.

YVAS is also arranging Covid-careful Programs for the winter so keep a lookout in future Flyer's and on the YVAS Facebook page for information about those.

Submitted by Steve Regele

### FIELD TRIPS

Due to Covid-19, YVAS has decided to SUSPEND all birding trips until further notice. We do, however urge everyone to bird on their own or with others while adhering to the pandemic requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. Here's to good birding and good weather!

Donn Bartlett  
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406.598.3689

### YVAS Board of Directors News and Election of Officers

Due to COVID-19 circumstances which alter the conventional process of election of officers, the existing members of the YVAS Board of Directors will continue to serve for another year, unless there are objections from the membership. Please submit any objections to Steve Regele [smregele@gmail.com](mailto:smregele@gmail.com) or at 1-406-962-3115 by October 15, 2020. Unless the membership is otherwise notified thereafter the current YVAS Board of Directors will continue to serve for another term.

The only changes to the 2019-2020 Board are that Doreen Hartman has resigned as Secretary but will continue on the Board as a Director, while Sue Weinreis has assumed the duties of Secretary. Donn and Dorothy Bartlett have resigned and suitable replacements will be sought.

Submitted by Steve Regele.

### Christmas Bird Count

National Audubon Society will allow each local CBC to cancel now, or wait until November 15, assess the local covid situation, and if a count happens, follow all these requirements:

- Cancel all in-person compilation gatherings.
- Social distancing and/or masking are required at all times in the field.
- Carpooling may only occur within existing familiar or social "pod" groups.
- Activities must comply with all current state and municipal COVID-19 guidelines.

So mark Saturday, December 19, 2020, Maybe CBC, on your calendar. In November we can assess covid, see who is interested, and make plans. There would be no breakfast at a restaurant, and no compilation meeting in the evening. The individuals in each group would need to make their own plan about how to social distance, and whether to carpool. It would be a welcome chance to get outdoors and see some birds, and connect with another human. If the count can't happen, National Audubon is not concerned about missing one year of data.

Jerry Dalton  
406 656-3656  
Call if you tentatively want to participate

### Twine Delivery

September 24, the Flying D Ranch delivered eleven large Ag sacks of twine to the Twine Collection & Recycling Site. This added approximately 4,500 - 5,000 pounds to our slowly, but surely, growing collection of unwanted twine. The Flying D raises bison and this is one year's worth of discarded twine mostly from winter feeding. I have attached a couple of photos.

Thank you Robert Hill, Jerry and Lois Dalton, and Steve Regele for assisting! I was the photographer-for-a-day!

Submitted by Deb Regele





Have you visited the YVAS Facebook Page and the YVAS Website? This is where you will find the most up-to-date information on YVAS and other issues of interest to birders.

Website: [yvaudubon.org/](http://yvaudubon.org/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/yvaudubon](https://facebook.com/yvaudubon)

## YVAS PUBLIC PROGRAMS September through May

Next Meeting Date:

**OCT 12, 2020 at 4:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting**

The YVAS meeting of the Board of Directors will be held from 4 PM to 6 PM. in the Fellowship room at Mayflower Congregational, corner of Poly and Rehberg, Billings, MT.

- ❖ Board of Directors meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 4:00pm. Board meetings are open to all members.
- ❖ YVAS Public Programs are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Suspended until further notice.
- ❖ All programs are open to the public.



News about YVAS projects, accomplishments and activities as well as YVAS Mission related news will be kept up to date via Facebook [facebook.com/yvaudubon/](https://facebook.com/yvaudubon/), the YVAS web site [yvaudubon.org/](http://yvaudubon.org/) and the monthly Flyer newsletters. If you have specific questions or would like further information please contact a Board Member through the information available at those sources.

We of the YVAS Board hope you all strive to stay healthy, are healthy, and find new and old (but safe) ways to enjoy the countless good things 'out there'.

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## Membership Updates

Chapter members listed below are up for renewal. Please use the application form below (include your email address) and submit, along with a check, to any Board Member or mail it to the address on the application.

October renewal: Mary Davis, Georgia Frazier, Beth Horn, Robin Manfredi, Raylene Wall

September outstanding: Ann V. Shesne, Gail McGlothlin

Contact the Data Base Administrator: Peter Cummins at [membership.data@yvaudubon.org](mailto:membership.data@yvaudubon.org) with any questions.

## 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 \$25. If applying for a new or renewing student membership, make check for \$15 and indicate academic affiliation. **PayPal option is also available for renewing or joining YVAS. It can be found on the YVAS Website under Memberships.**

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

P.O. Box 1075

Billings, MT 59103-1075



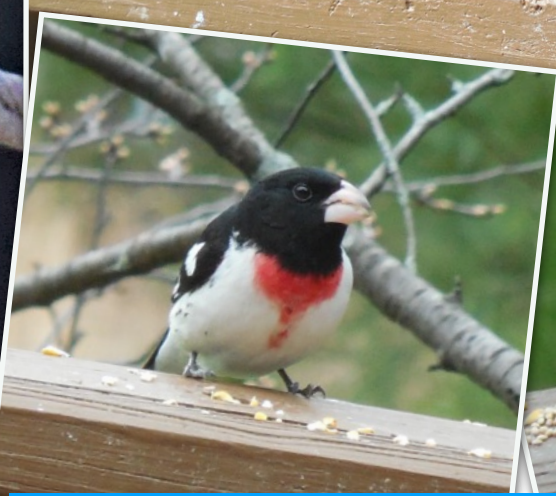




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