

# 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 Programs are back! June 21, 2021

**The Roots of Bird Words:** What's in a name and where did that come from?

Join Dr. Thomas Regele in this intriguing presentation and discussion - the first live YVAS Program since Covid 19 interrupted those in 2020!

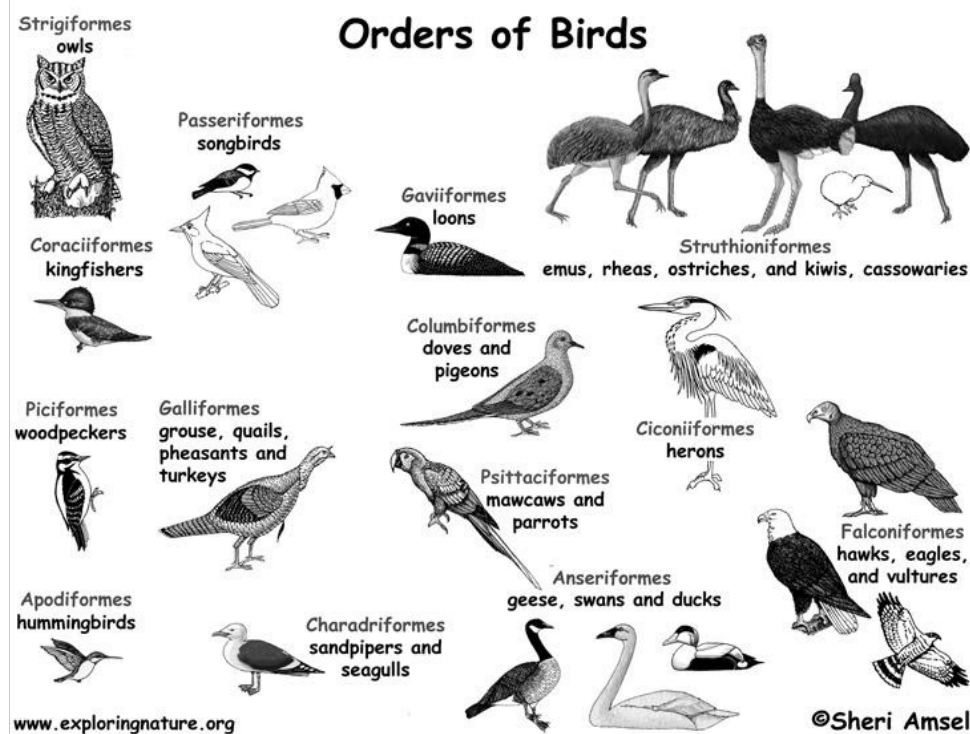
We will look at terminology and names of birds with a focus on the origin (etymology) of those terms and names. The Program starts with a short history of English and the influences of Greek, Latin, and Old English in the vocabulary we all use on a daily basis. There are a number of "tricks" we can use to highlight the evolution of our "known" vocabularies as they undergo changes from one language to another over time.

We will then look specifically at ornithology and at the roots of "family names" / species as well as at individual names: where does the name of a particular bird or family of birds come from and why... and bird words like piscivorous, zygodactyl, supercilium - where do those come from?

A short list of Latin and Greek root-words will be provided (handouts) and we will try to associate those roots, prefixes, and suffixes with both the common names of birds in English as well with the scientific names derived from Greek, Latin, German, and Old English.

The format will be informal discussion with visual aids / video. Bring your favorite bird book!

*This YVAS Program will be presented Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Rehberg Lane and Poly Drive, Billings, MT. Doors open at 6:30 PM. The public is welcome, there is no admission fee and ample free parking is available*



*Please adhere to the CDC's Covid-19 health guidelines in place on that date - if you have not been vaccinated please wear a mask and keep an appropriate distance from others.*

*Submitted by Steve Regele*



Thomas Regele is from Billings and received an undergraduate degree in Latin from the University of Montana. He later received a BA in Spanish from MSU Billings and taught in secondary education for a number of years before completing the MA in Spanish and Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon. He has been teaching at the university level for 16 years.



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### Bear Canyon Sunday, May 9, 2021

Despite unpredictable weather 11 people showed up to take the hike into Bear Canyon. Donn and Dorothy Bartlett met up at Lion's Park to get the crew going in the right direction but didn't tag along. Will Crain and his granddaughter also drove up to the canyon but didn't participate in the hike.

It being a bit early in the month, not a lot of migrating birds were seen, although we had a total of 21 species in the actual canyon. Turkey Vultures, Red-tailed Hawk, and American Kestrels rounded out the raptors. The usual trifecta of wrens didn't happen this year, too early, as we only had one charming Canyon Wren that cascaded his call to us long enough for us to locate him and get Brian Henderson's spotting scope on it. No House Wren or Rock Wren to be found. Big thrill was the MacGillivray's Warbler! Many Yellow-rumped Warbler both Audubon's and Myrtle varieties. An abundance of Ruby-crowned Kinglet, so many

that everyone got to really see them, ID them, and view the ruby crown.

White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches acrobatic behavior was fun. Pine Siskin and Cassin's Finch flitted the canopy with Mountain Chickadee's. Mountain Bluebird was seen on the rough road in as well as perched high on the canyon cliffs. Calls of Chipping Sparrow and Spotted Towhee all round with only a fleeting view of the Towhee. Thrushes included, our tried-and-true friend, American Robin and an endearing Townsend's Solitaire singing atop a conifer long enough to get in the spotting scope. A lone Common Raven was finally seen when we got to the "end" of the canyon for lunch and once headed out we were captivated by a Clark's Nutcracker!

Brian Henderson, Stan Heath, and Bob (from RL) drove down to Gyp Springs Road and ticked off the Mountain Plovers. They saw 4. Admittedly, our car was sorry we didn't tag along to see those birds.

*Submitted by Trenay Hart*

### Riverfront Park Thursday, May 13, 2021

Topping the list of 27 species seen on Thursday afternoon's walk around Riverfront Park were 35 Canada Geese with A LOT of goslings! Adorable, fluffy critters of varying sizes. We were delighted in watching them navigate the rapids of the spring melt off in the Yellowstone River and dynamically going for scraps of bread park visitors were feeding them.

Eleven YVAS members showed up to tour around the lushness of spring at Riverfront Park. Brian Henderson, kindly, lead the troops. Blue-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Common Merganser, Eared Grebe, American Coot, and Ruddy Duck rounded out the waterfowl. Some afloat, some flying.

Calls of a rooster Ring-necked Pheasant charmed along the trail. At the start, near the pavilion, House Finch were singing spring song in full RED plumage. Many House Wren were heard and finally spotted displaying territorial fights. A spectacular, male, Red-shafted Northern Flicker was drumming atop a naked Cottonwood. He granted us good views.

The Yellow Warblers are back and we wished for American Redstart (with a similar call) but never saw one. American Robin's also fooled us with spring song thinking

maybe one was a Black-headed Grosbeak but we never saw that bird either. Two Least Flycatchers were... flycatching.

With diligence, a Tree Swallow was working on excavating a cavity on a tree, not sure I have ever seen that before, but it was there and doing it!

We ploughed through the growing grasses to one of the more secluded ponds to a sweet Song Sparrow, many Red-winged Blackbirds, and a stealthy Great Blue Heron in the cattails. Of course, Black-capped Chickadee followed us all the way with their singsong calls and flitting behavior. European Starling were mimicking in the tree tops. The nasal call of a White-breasted Nuthatch had us all craning our necks and found it foraging the bark with its upside-down stunts. Jerry Dalton commented, "I'm not sure who is upside down or right side up, me or the bird?"

Out by the river we were hypnotized by 2 Red-tailed Hawk, one with dinner in it's talons, until finally landing on what we believed was their nest. A Spotted Sandpiper, with pensive calls, jumped from the sandbar to the river, feeding we presumed. At one point, a Mourning Dove flushed and flew. And, we had an immature Bald Eagle soar high over the Yellowstone River entertaining and lending a teaching moment.

*Submitted by Trenay Hart*

### Lake Basin Field Trip, May 15, 2021

The 2021 YVAS Lake Basin field trip was held under absolutely perfect weather conditions, with sunshine, light winds, and pleasant temperatures, which were enjoyed by all. Brian Henderson, trip leader, met some of the participants at Rocky Mountain College, and this group joined up with the others in Molt, making up a group of about 15. Some may be confused regarding what "Lake Basin" is, as it doesn't appear on most maps. As Steve Regele explained at a later stop, it's the group of wetland basins that runs from Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge east of Rapelje, southeasterly through Grass Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Big Lake, all the way to Molt.

At the meeting spot in Molt, before we started traveling, we noted that the wetland basin immediately north of Molt, where we have done some wetland birding on past trips, was totally dry! That condition was seen in other basins and ditches along the trip route, with Big Lake having about the only water. There had been little or no run-off from snowmelt or spring rains.

Our caravan headed south on the Columbus-Molt Road, which then turns west. Along the way, we made stops at two prairie dog towns, and we were rewarded with seeing burrowing owls, which are a favorite of many of us. We also saw long-billed curlews in two places, and western meadowlarks sang to us at every stop. This route took us to where we could overlook Big Lake from a distance from the south, so people could appreciate the size of it. We turned north on Wheat Basin Road, went to the west access road for the Big Lake Wildlife Management Area, and drove in. The group appreciated the all-weather, all-vehicle road into the area. The road is next to the lake for about a half mile, and I suggested that people just stop and check for birds at their own pace. We saw a variety of ducks, including cinnamon teal, lesser scaup, mallards, gadwalls, and shovelers. There was an abundance of eared grebes, and one white-faced ibis. Shorebirds were not abundant, but we found greater yellowlegs, American avocet, and black-necked stilt.

I thought this "leisurely" birding worked well, as people were visiting, soaking up the sunshine, and enjoying the birds. We eventually got folks moving and drove to the end of the road to a parking area next to what we call the "brood

pond." It's called that because this 60-acre pond has its own water supply from a different creek, often holding water longer than the main lake, which gives broods a place to go until they fledge. This pond normally would have had more water, but it also suffered from lack of run-off. The featured attraction at the pond was a manmade island that had nesting American white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, California gulls, and ring-billed gulls.

The pond and the island have been in existence for about 35 years, but this is just the third year that these four species have nested on the island. Other than this spot, there are only four other places in the state where pelicans nest. We visited some at the parking area, with pelicans flying directly overhead, and speculated on where the pelicans and cormorants might find enough food for themselves and their "kids." I passed around a pelican wing bone to show how light in weight these hollow bones are.



*Black-necked Stilt Photo: Dorothy Bartlett*

From here, some of the group needed to go home, but a few of us drove to the northeast access to the lake and drove in to the parking area. We overlooked the lake from the top of the old railroad bed and found two great blue herons and a sandhill crane, among other birds. I mentioned that the area east of the lake, with all of its prairie dogs, was once under consideration as a release site for black-footed ferrets. We didn't walk down to the lakeshore, but that would be worth doing on future visits.



*Photo: Dorothy Bartlett*

Linda Wham kindly kept track of the species we saw and came up with 52. Her efforts are much appreciated! It was a great day, with perfect weather, wonderful people, and some neat birds!

*Submitted by Jim Hansen*

### Avian Rangers go to Bowdoin May 13, 2021

My sister Colleen, after birding Africa for 2 years becomes the newest Avian Ranger, flew to Billings from her home in Hailey, ID to meet up with me and Mike Weber. Off we went on May 13th to Bowdoin Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. The Migration, was nearly 2 weeks behind. However, we were met with enough 'Fallouts' to keep us Happy as Larks.

Things have changed a bit at Bowdoin NWR, due to lack of water...the watching is all on the front 5 miles. We played thru and yeah, the 5 mile loop is the place to be. More rain would be most welcome ~ it didn't even snow on Bowdoin this Winter!

Captain Mike, managed to keep 26 separate eBird checklists. We had 87 species between Billings and Malta! Of course it helps to have a \*Bird-whisperer\* on board the Ranger. We scored 82 more species in Bowdoin and 5 just outside the perimeter.

The highway leading into Bowdoin, provided some coordinated flooded fields and dang if that didn't call in the White-faced Ibis. About 450 in one small flooded field! I recall when YVAS went to Spidel WMA, in 2010 or



Black-and-white Warbler Photo: Will Crain

so, I saw my first White-faced Ibis, then died and went to heaven. They make a great muse and subject for painting.

By the second day we'd already recon'd the other avenues around in case we needed a rain shift. In fact we didn't even get to Nelson Reservoir we were so occupied with the Wonder of Bowdoin.

We're all artists so Mike got grounded in a painting; Sis did a some drawings from the 'point'/boat launch as well as Mike and I in order to get a 3 way view of the same view; and conversation into the future.

Another fallout was watching this pair of mom and pop geese with their new family at their palmate feet. No other geese around and no water for a ¼ mile. We watched as gosling #6 made the leap, 10' to the ground...bounce. This chick wasn't heeding the frantic calls from below...but finally made the leap, which Colleen caught on video. From here it just got better. An influx of Black and White Warblers was on the scene.

We pretty much had Bowdoin to ourselves. There was only one other observer, can you believe he was the guy who shared the rare, Pine Warbler, in Red Lodge this Jan 2021. He hung with us on the final day and we'll hook up later date to come.

*Submitted by Will Crain*

### It was a Lazuli kind of day

With Stan as our patient guide, five birders traveled up Bridger Creek seeking spring birds. There was snow on the trees and it was an overcast day, but the birds were out moving about and we started with many Lazuli Buntings giving us great looks. Many sparrows were mixing it up:



Lazuli Bunting Photo: Teresa Henderson

Lark, Savannah, Vesper, and White-crowns. The Ovenbird gave us a quick but delightful visit. Swainson's Thrushes, Spotted and Green-tailed Towhees, were also about.

A wonderful beaver dam had many warblers, Yellow, Yellow-rumped and a Redstart moving about. A highlight was one Northern Waterthrush at the pond.

Farther up the road we spotted and saw at least a baker's dozen Lewis Woodpeckers with their beautiful pink breast. We did see Red-tailed Hawks, Kestrels, and a Bald Eagle.

This is a scenic drive following Bridger creek twisting and turning with wonderful birds. [We saw 47 species](#) and a good time was had by all.

*Submitted by Gail McGlothlin*



Photo: Dorothy Bartlett

*Bridger Creek  
May 22, 2021*

## Twine Recycling; Osprey Nest Monitoring; Killing of Piscivorous at the Miles City Hatchery

The first trailer-load of twine from the Public Auction Yard (PAYS) was transferred to the Twine Collection & Recycling Site (TCRS) in April. Robert Hill, Jerry Dalton and Steve Regele volunteered to unload the twine as well as transport some 300-gallon garbage bins obtained from the City of Billings to the TCRS. Additional pickup loads of twine were received from ranches in Huntley, Shepherd, Roundup, and Cody WY in the early spring.

Since some Ospreys prefer to incorporate twine into their nests, twine will continue to be a problem for them and their young. In September 2020 while most Ospreys were migrating, one fledgling became twine entangled in a nest near the confluence of the Yellowstone and the Big Horn Rivers. It died and was later found hanging from the nest.



*Osprey and Fake Owl on Utility Pole -Photo: Marco Restani*

Nest monitor Lisa Bessasparis observed a female Osprey near Silesia with twine wrapped around her leg on April 8. She was still able to fly and is the breeding female at this nest. She continues to pull at the twine attempting to remove it. On May 7, Lisa reported that most of the twine was still attached.

On May 12, nest monitor Jean Boone observed mesh entangled on the foot the female Osprey at a nest just west of Laurel. On May 19, the mesh was reported to still be entangled on her foot.

This year there are roughly 42 nest monitors observing Osprey nests along the Yellowstone River between Gardiner and Miles City. Besides recording data on nesting and nestling progress, monitors are on the lookout for

banded birds as well as for stick nests on the top of utility poles - yet another deadly habit that is instinctive for most Ospreys.

One method utility companies use to keep birds from building nests on active utility poles is to put up deterrents that will deflect sticks from the poles as birds attempt to build nests. Other methods have been tried but have either failed or have not been doable on a regular basis!

As you are out enjoying the spring and summer days watch for sticks or stick nests on utility poles. Report them to Marco Restani at 406-425-2608 or [restani@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:restani@stcloudstate.edu). Deb Regele at 406-962-3115 or [debregele@gmail.com](mailto:debregele@gmail.com) can also be contacted if you are not able to reach Marco.

The first "Working Group" meeting to review and discuss the killing of piscivorous birds at the Miles City Hatchery is in the process of being scheduled by MT Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) Wildlife Division Nongame Bureau. Included in this diverse group are representatives from YVAS, National Audubon Society, MFWP, US Fish Wildlife Service, US Department of Agriculture and independent consultants.

If you have not signed the YVAS Petition "Stop Shooting of Native Piscivorous Birds, Miles City Montana Fish Hatchery," it isn't too late. There are currently about 1,050 signatures. The Petition can be found on the National Audubon Society Action Works website at: <https://works.audubon.org/petition/shooting-native-piscivorous-birds-miles-city-montana-fish-hatchery>

More information is also available in YVAS' April 2021 Flyer which can found on the YVAS website under Publications or at: <https://yvaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/April-2021-Flyer.pdf>

*Submitted by Deb Regele*



*Real Bear on Utility Pole - Photo: Bruce Whetten*

### Thank You YVAS Members and Volunteers

Simply being a supporting member of YVAS is a significant contribution to YVAS' accomplishments and mission. And there are those who 'go the extra mile' and donate time, talent, work and other support to monitor Osprey nests, serve on the Board of Directors, volunteer to lead projects or work on YVAS projects like baling twine recycling and trail maintenance, lead birding trips, help to set up and take down chairs and equipment for YVAS programs, recycle aluminum cans, and lend a hand and thoughtfulness to so many YVAS efforts and achievements.

This June/July Flyer will be our last one until August. However, YVAS projects and activities don't stop. So please remember over the summer of 2021 and beyond that the contributions we each make to YVAS and the YVAS Mission do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated. Thank you!

Working to make things better for our world, each other and for the birds is good work.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss and the Lorax.*

*Best wishes for a grand summer.*

*Steve Regele*

### June/July Events at the Montana Audubon Center

Advance registration is required for all programs. Visit our website at [mtaudubon.org/center](http://mtaudubon.org/center) for more info or to register. Current members of the Montana Audubon Center receive discounts on all of our programs! Become a member today by visiting our website.

- ❖ **Bird Stroll: June 12 and July 10** from 8:30 - 10am  
Enjoy a morning stroll by the river and learn a few birds along the way. Great for beginning birders. Binoculars and guidebooks available to check out. Suggested donation \$10/ adults, \$5/students, or free for members.
- ❖ **Evening Walk with a Naturalist: June 22 and July 27** from 6:30 - 8pm. Join us to make observations, follow our curiosity, and share naturalist knowledge with each other. Each month we'll explore a different natural area in and around Billings. In June we'll meet at Four Dances Natural Area, a BLM property overlooking the Yellowstone River. In July, we'll meet at Two Moon Park, a county park along the Yellowstone River in the Heights.
- ❖ **Bat Night Hike: Friday July 30** from 8:30 - 10 pm. Dive into the mesmerizing world of bats! Join Megan O'Reilly from Fish, Wildlife and Parks to learn cool bat facts, then head out with special acoustic equipment to find them. Bring a flashlight and good walking shoes. Suggested donation \$5/person.

*Submitted by Heather Bilden*

#### Peregrine Falcon Eyries

The Bureau of Land Management's field office in Billings is monitoring and locating Peregrine Falcon Eyries this season. If you or someone you know is interested in sharing information on relatively new eyries or other Peregrine Falcon observations, contact Rob Heins, seasonal BLM wildlife biotechnician at: [wheins@blm.gov](mailto:wheins@blm.gov).

More information on Montana Peregrine Falcons can be found at: <https://www.montanaperegrine.org/>

*Submitted by Deb Regele*

MT Audubon is having a Birdathon Photo Contest: Photographers of all levels can submit a photo beginning June 1st until June 15th. Visit <https://mtaudubon.org/2021/05/photo-contest-call-for-submissions/> for details.

I'd love to see a YVAS member win a contest with a photo taken in a Billings park or natural area, but all bird pictures are great...  
Submitted by Steven McConnell

#### Upcoming Birding Field Trips:

June 1, Tues – Bluewater Creek and Bridger Area. Meet at Rocky at 8:00 a.m. or Bridger Rest Area at 8:45 a.m. Sack lunch. Steve Regele, Leader.

June 3, Thurs -- Pryor Mountains-Bear Canyon. Meet at Lions Park in Bridger. Depart 7:30 a.m. The group will be birding / hiking near the top of the canyon so bring something to eat and your walking/hiking gear. Stan Heath, Leader.

June 8, Tue --Pryor Mountain & Sage Creek. Meet at Rocky at 7:30 a.m. or at 8:30 a.m. at the Bridger Rest Area. Stan Heath, Leader, Sack Lunch

June 12, Sat -- Red Lodge Area. Meet at Rocky at 7:00 a.m. or in Red Lodge at 8:15 a.m. at the Town Pump Conoco. Jerry Dalton & Stan Heath, Leaders, Sack Lunch

June 19, Sat --Yellowstone River WMA State Park. Meet at Rocky. Depart at 8:00 am. Megan O' Reilly, Leader, Sack Lunch.

Please check for updated/correct times and meeting places prior to field trip: Donn Bartlett [donnbartlett@msn.com](mailto:donnbartlett@msn.com)

**YVAS MEETINGS & PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting: AUG 9, 2021** —The YVAS meeting of the Board of Directors will be held from 4pm to 6pm. Board of Directors meetings are held the second Monday of the month. Board meetings are open to all members.

**Next Public Program: JUN 21, 2021**- Doors open at 6:30pm; program begins at 7pm. YVAS is presenting our first public program since Covid restrictions were put in place last year. See the first page of this newsletter for details on this program. YVAS Public Programs are held the third Monday of the month, September through May.

All meetings are held at the Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Rehberg Lane and Poly Drive, Billings, MT.

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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. Contact the Data Base Administrator: Peter Cummins at membership.data@yvaudubon.org with any questions.

- ✦ May outstanding: Deborah Drain, Johna Jablonski
- ✦ June renewal: Nancy & Dale Detrick, Brenda & Jeff Dunham, Brenna Moloney, George & Bernie Mowat, Jim & Jean Sells, Rita Cetrone
- ✦ July renewal: Vonnie Anderson, Trenay Hart, Donna Lance

**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.**

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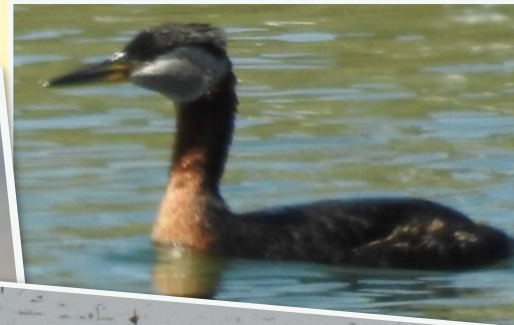
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Top right: Red-necked Grebe on Cooney lake- Stan Heath

Below: Eared Grebes; Swainson's Hawk; Canada Geese- Dorothy Bartlett

Bottom right: American Avocet with Wilson's  
Phalaropes -Dorothy Bartlett



Please submit articles, notes, and photos that you would like to see in a YVAS Flyer newsletter on or before the 20th of the month preceding the month of preferred publication. This is your chance to use your writing and reporting skills! All contributions are appreciated.