

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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CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
The Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project.

Since 1977, Hemker Park & Zoo in Freeport, MN, has grown from a modest pair of Mallard ducks to a collection of a wide variety of sea ducks, swans and many other waterfowl. It all started with a simple dream of Mark Hemker and his wife Joan; to share their passion for animals with others. Since Mark's passing in 2006, the zoo has become a labor of love to honor his legacy. His son Markus Hemker's interest started at the age of 12 when he purchased his first pair of Rosybill Porchards. Since then he has increased his focus to include sea ducks and many different species of swans. He is active with the Trumpeter Swan Restoration Program which was started in the 1930's to prevent extinction of the trumpeter swans from the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in Montana. In the 1960's Minnesota received 40 swans from the Red Rock Lakes to establish a breeding program which has excelled throughout the years. It now has more than 2000 individuals in Minnesota's data base. The Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project incorporates 5 other states beyond Minnesota and has grown to include the providence of Ontario, Canada.

We will hold a YVAS fundraiser dinner at 5:45, before the Chapter meeting on Sept 15. Dinner donation: \$6. Marlene Pirtz has generously volunteered to coordinate. Please contact her at 321-4910 or mp.marlenepirtz@gmail.com before Friday, Sept 12 to make reservations and tell her what you will bring.



CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
DR. LISA KEMMERER, SPEAKER

Lisa Kemmerer is a philosopher-activist dedicated to working against oppression, whether on behalf of the environment, nonhuman animals, or disempowered human beings. Her talk will address avian advocacy and the need for sensitivity on the part of avian advocates to other forms of oppression (and vice versa). Groups sensitive to oppression and issues of human hunger and disease may be an untapped resource for animal advocates.

Dr. Kemmerer holds a B.A. in international studies from Reed College, an MTS in comparative religions from Harvard Divinity, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She is currently associate professor of philosophy and religions at Montana State University Billings. Her books include *In Search of Consistency: Ethics and Animals* (Brill 2006), *Animals and World Religions* (Oxford 2011), *Sister Species: Women, Animals, and Social Justice* (U. of Illinois Press, 2011), *Call to Compassion: Reflections on Animal Advocacy and World Religions* (Lantern 2011), *Speaking Up for Animals: An Anthology of Women's Voices*

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YVAS MEETINGS

All YVAS Meetings are at 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, Sept 8, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, Sept 15, 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

Monday, October 13, 6:00pm: Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 20, 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting





A WARM WELCOME TO THE YVAS NEW PROGRAM YEAR!

Thanks to the leadership of the YVAS Board members and volunteers alike, we can look forward to an exciting agenda of upcoming events, including field trips, meetings and speakers. With the enthusiastic support of the membership, we will continue our ongoing activities with the Osprey Project, Audubon Adventures, the Conservation Grant, the Yellowstone River Birding and Conservation Project, Birdathon, the Christmas Bird Count, the YVAS website.



This issue of the Flyer combines September and October, so be sure and mark your calendars for both months. Because of scheduling issues, YVAS may not be able to continue publishing the Flyer on a monthly basis. We are considering alternatives that include abbreviated issues, combining issues (such as this one) and using postcard reminders to the membership. We are hoping that members expand their use of the new website to keep informed. Any suggestions from members would be appreciated and should be brought to the Board.

This issue of the Flyer also includes the **2014-2015 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE**. A tremendous amount of time and effort, on the part of Board members and volunteers, goes in to the organizing and leading of these trips. All of us benefit from this and are grateful for their tireless input.



HELP WANTED!!!

Pre meeting dinners have been a long and valued YVAS tradition. They provide an exceptional opportunity for members to gather informally, and they also provide valuable funding for YVAS projects. We need some volunteers to coordinate the dinners if we are going to be able to continue sponsoring them. Won't you check your calendar, talk with someone you bird with, or you go to meetings with, and pair up to coordinate the dinner tradition.? **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO THE COOKING—JUST ORGANIZE THE VOLUNTEERS!!**

The Board of Directors is also looking for a team of volunteers to help organize the **YVAS annual fundraiser**. Again, turn to friend or a neighbor, and see if you can form a team that can work together and with the Board, to put on an event that supports the wide array of YVAS programs.

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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.



FIELD TRIP NOTES

The YVAS nest monitoring project began in the summer of 2009 with the surveying and mapping of known osprey nests in Montana, from Big Timber to Miles City. For the past three years the YVAS volunteer nest monitors have partnered with Rocky Mountain College's Yellowstone River Research Center to contribute to further osprey study that includes recording measurements, banding, and blood sampling of nestlings. Below is an article by the co-director of that study, Marco Restani, PhD

IF ONLY SHE COULD TALK.....

In the summer of 2014, a group of YVAS nest monitors and other interested parties attended the banding of two nestling ospreys at a territory in Silesia (Nest 368 for those in the know). Prior to banding the nestlings, I noticed that the adult female wore two bands! She had a silver band on the left leg and a color band on the right leg. I knew the silver band was inscribed with a unique number, analogous to a social security number. The numbers on the silver band are small and difficult to read unless the bird is in the hand, so researchers often apply color bands to birds, which makes their identification from a distance possible. The color band on the Silesia female was half silver, half yellow.

It's a small world for ospreys and osprey researchers because one of my graduate students had banded the bird! From the silver/yellow color code, we knew she came from one of five nests along the upper Missouri River in 2002. After spending more time in Silesia and reaping the rewards of some good luck, I was able to read all eight digits (608-49142) on her silver band with the aid of a powerful spotting scope. It was then that we knew exactly who she was – she was raised with two siblings outside Townsend on a power pole.

Only 12% of ospreys in Michigan reached the ripe old age of 12+ years, so the Silesia bird is somewhat special. She is nesting on a power pole platform approximately 140 miles from where she was raised, and this natal dispersal distance is much greater than the average seen in most female ospreys. A YVAS nest monitor photographed an adult female osprey wearing the same band combination as the Silesia female in 2012. That territory is no longer occupied. It is highly probable that the photographed female and the Silesia female are the same individual given the small number of nestlings banded silver over yellow in 2002 and the advanced age of the birds. If so, the Silesia female also provides us information on breeding dispersal (about 4 miles). She was raised on the Missouri River and now breeds on the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone. She has migrated thousands of miles between her nest and wintering area over the past decade.

She has seen a lot and done a lot. If only she could talk.....



Banding the Silesia female when she was a nestling on 25 July 2002 in Townsend.
A.Harmata photo.



The Silesia female osprey as a 12-year old adult on the nest with her offspring in 2014. L. Bessasparis photo.

(Paradigm 2012), and *Primate People: Saving Nonhuman Primates through Education, Advocacy, and Sanctuary* (U. of Utah Press, 2011).

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There was an omission in the publication of the following article in the August FLYER. My apologies to the author and the BIRDATHON participants. It is printed below in its entirety.

BIRDATHON 2014

BIRDATHON in 2014 saw several positive changes and must be seen as a success. First, this year 5 teams involving 14 persons participated. Second, a record 150 species were identified and third, \$2486.00 was raised through the generous contributions of supporters. The many persons, members and nonmembers, who supported the Birdathon are greatly appreciated. Some contributed per species, some split their contributions so that all five teams were credited with solicitation. However contributions were made, they are appreciated and are earmarked to support the Osprey Project. So, thanks to The Avian Rangers (previously Cravin Ravens) who again achieved top honors for identifying the most species...117, breaking their record of 2013. They are warmly congratulated.

The most funds were raised by the Senior Moments again this year, followed closely by the Team Goldeneye. Congratulations to both of those teams. The teams, their members, numbers of species identified and amount of funds raised for YVAS are listed below:

Avian Rangers (Mike Weber, Will Crain. And Robert Hill) 117 species; raised \$154.

Senior Moments (Ruth Vanderhorst, Phil McBride, Nancy Traeger and Jerry Dalton). 101 species, raised \$875.

Snipe Hunters (George Mowat and Ron Kuhler) 89 Species; raised \$280.

Team Goldeneye (Sheila McKay, Jacob Meisner, and Marlene Pirtz) 82 species; raised \$825.

Grousholics (Jim Court and Gail Speck) 73 species; raised \$325.

A \$50. gift certificate to Wild Birds Unlimited was presented to the Avian Rangers. Wild Birds Unlimited donated a bag of special bird feed which will be presented to the winning fund raisers.

All you birders out there: 2015 is coming!! Think about forming a team and planning strategy for birding and for the important task of raising funds for organizational causes. In the meantime, good birding, everyone! Submitted by Ruth Vanderhorst

NESTING MATERIALS



- **Minnesota Eagle Cam** proves we can't handle the truth about nature. An eaglet's demise reveals limits in our respect and love for the ways of the wild. Article by: Jon Mooallem, New York Times. startribune.com/opinion/commentaries

- **Three Great Bird ID Webinar Series in Time for Fall Migration** Cornell Lab of Ornithology

There's plenty of summer left—but fall migration is on its way. In fact, some shorebirds are on their way south right now, and they'll soon be followed by rivers of raptors, waterfowl, and more. To get ready, Cornell Lab has three sets of in-depth bird ID webinars taught by Dr. Kevin McGowan.

The webinars will be offered on **Monday nights at 7 p.m. and again at 9 p.m.** Each webinar series consists of five parts given on successive Mondays:

Identifying Shorebirds: August 18–September 15

Identifying Raptors: October 6–November 3

Identifying Waterfowl: November 10–December 8

Each one-hour session consists of instruction, quizzes, and question-and-answer. The cost is \$12.99 or \$9.99 for Cornell Lab members. Learn more and register for a webinar at birds.cornell.edu

- **The 114th Christmas Bird Count** Results of the 114th Christmas Bird Count from 2013 are almost complete online. To get the full count summary, regional summaries, articles from participants, and more delivered right to your inbox, sign up for *American Birds* at www.audubon.org/citizenscience



EVENTS AT THE AUDUBON CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

7026 South Billings Blvd, Billings, MT, 59101

call [406-294-5099](tel:406-294-5099) or email education@mtadubon.org www.mtacec.org

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sat., Sept 6 ~ Evening Under the Big Sky, a fundraiser for the Audubon Center with music by Ed Kemmick and Friends. Featuring fine dining, and silent and live auctions. Begins at 5:30 PM. Tickets \$50 each or \$400 for a table of 8. Call 294 – 5099 to reserve your tickets today.

Sept 14th Every Sunday ~ Weekend Wonders 2-4 PM. Open to all ages! Fee is \$2 to cover equipment use per person or Free for Friends of the Center. Every Sunday afternoon we will explore and discover! Stop in at the Audubon Center to get your supplies or challenge for the day anytime between 2 pm – 3:30 pm or just visit us for free. The building will be open with a naturalist on-site for visitors from 2 - 4 pm! *No registration required.*

September 19th and October 17th Every third Friday of the month. Nature Night from 6 – 9 PM for 4 – 12 year olds. Cost is \$22/child or \$20 Friends of the Center. Drop your child off for an evening of outdoor adventures with our Naturalists. Call 294-5099 or email education@mtadubon.org to register.

September 13th ~ Family Nature Game Night with Gourmet Popcorn . October 11th ~ BATS & Cookies Every second Saturday night ~ Nighthawks Adventure. Saturday 6-8 pm. Join us at the Audubon Center for a fun evening and then enjoy an amazing snack. Fee is \$5/person or Free for Friends of the Center. Call 294-5099 or email education@mtadubon.org to register.

Sept 8th ~ Fledglings. Start our year long Nature Preschool. Amazing nature experience for children 3-5 who are potty trained. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 – 12:20. Call 294-5099/email education@mtadubon.org or go to www.mtacec.org for more information.

Sept 22 ~ Eco-Splorers The start of our Nature Afterschool classes! Eight-week series of classes for \$65. \$60 for Friends. Programs on Mondays afternoons from 4:30 -6 pm or 6 – 7:30 pm for Topic k-2nd Aquatic Wildlife, 3rd – 6th grade All about Fish. More info on our website: www.mtacec.org or call 294 – 5099.

Sept 22 ~ Hands-on Homeschool Science Class Eight-week series of classes for \$65. 1:00 – 2:30 PM. Lessons geared to 6 – 12 year olds, \$65 per child for Friends \$72 for non-members. Call 294 – 5099 or email education@mtadubon.org to register.

Sept 23 ~ Nature Nuts for children 2 – 5 years old with a parent 9 – 10 AM. First of our 8 week series. Fee is \$40 for friends and \$45 for non-friends . Visit www.mtacec.org for more information. Email education@mtadubon.org or call 294 – 5099 to register.



Sat., Sept 13th THE ANNUAL YELLOWSTONE RIVER CLEANUP

Some of the funds raised go directly to support the Yellowstone River Research Center (YRRC). The different ways volunteers can help out are as follows:

- 1) A team comprised of 2 people in drift boat/raft and maybe 1-4 people in a canoes or kayaks. Small boats stop more frequently and load larger items on the big boat. Commitment full day
- 2) Shore based teams (2-10 people) that I will assign to different parks around town. Commitment half day.
- 3) Lunch time or end of day helpers – the river team stops and unloads boats at lunch and at the end of the day and they always need help with this. Commitment 1.5 hours.
- 4) Boat and vehicle shuttles in the morning – Commitment 1 hour.

At the end of the day team prizes will be offered in the following categories: most trash collected, largest item, craziest item, most tires collected, dirtiest team, etc.

YRRC provides lunch, drinks, t-shirts, and a fun day for all participants. Please contact Kayhan Ostovar, Rocky Mountain College Associate Professor Environmental Science, at [406-657-1175](tel:406-657-1175) by August 29th if you are interested in registering. River participants will need to have their own boats as there are no extras available.

SATURDAY AUGUST 9 SHOREBIRDS, HAWKS & PRAIRIE BIRDS

Half-way to Molt our caravan of a half-dozen vehicles pulled off to observe a raptor perched in a tree. Scopes zoomed in on the dark backed hawk. Someone noted a fine white bar and the terminal end of its tail and a yellowish cere on the base of its beak. Our best guess was an immature Ferruginous Hawk. While we gawked at the hawk, a Says Pheobe sat nearby on the top of a hay bale.

We met up Steve and Deb Regele in Molt near the elevator. Dozens of Killdeers were milling about the grass and it seemed as if a hundred Barn Swallows darted overhead. From Molt we headed to Lake View road. Enroute we encountered a family of Logger Head Shrikes, both adults and immatures.

Corral pond on Lake View road had a number of August brown ducks and Eared Grebes. We enjoyed a small flock of feeding Long-billed Dowitchers and spotted a lone Great Blue Heron as well as two Solitary Sandpipers. Along the road we watched a soaring Golden Eagle along with a couple Swainsons Hawks. Vesper and Savannah Sparrows were common, as were Horned Larks. An unusual site was when a large flock of immature Gray Partridge scurried down to the pond for a long drinks of water. The larger parents stood off to the side looking nervous and alert for danger. North of the lake we observed Chestnut-collared Longspurs; some had lost much of their spring plumage.

By late morning we reached the Eastern end of Big Lake. Most of us parked on the long abandoned rail bed and got a good view of the lake. From there we could see that the large lake had plenty of water and much bird life. We watched a couple Burrowing Owls at a nearby Prairie Dog town. About half of us made the 300 yard walk to the Lake to get a closer look at the birds. There are a few small islands on lake and you could see Pelicans, Gulls and Cormorants from the rail bed. Nearer the water we observed perhaps 25 Long-billed Curlews. Two or three Lesser Yellowlegs huddled in the grass along the shore line. Over the lake hundreds of Franklin Gulls soared and flapped about, some of them very high. There were clouds of Dragon Flies too. We surmised that the Gulls were fly catching-not an uncommon summer occupation of Franklin Gulls. Far off we noted a small flock of Black Necked Stilts.

Our last stop of the day was the western edge of Big Lake. On the way there we watched a fast flying Prairie Falcon. We were also entertained by Lark Sparrows, Lark Buntings and a few Brewers Sparrows. Someone spotted a Sprages Pipit. The mud flats at the Western Edge of Big Lake were home to large flocks of shorebirds. There were many Avocets, Wilsons Phalaropes and peep sandpipers. The most common were Baird Sandpipers and Least Sandpipers. There were a handful of Semipalmated Sandpipers too and the flocks were dotted with a few Lesser Yellowlegs. The flocks spooked easily, but if you're patient with shorebirding, the flocks usually return again and again and you are rewarded with great looks. We thought we spotted a couple of Sanderlings out on a tiny island? They become more common migrants here in early to mid September. Submitted by Mike Weber

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (USNPS) has updated and revised it's "Birds of Yellowstone" brochure/checklist for Yellowstone National Park (YNP). The new version (April 2014) has a very nice and comprehensive list of birds recorded within YNP and now includes the seasonal abundance of those birds. Grouped at the end of the checklist are bird species that are accidentals, vagrants, and those with few verified observations. The brochure includes information about recording observations of raptors and rare bird sightings. YVAS has received about 50 copies of the "Birds of Yellowstone" brochure/checklist and copies of the rare bird observation forms. These will be available at the monthly YVAS Chapter Meetings. The copies came to us from Katy Duffy, Interpretive Planner, USNPS YNP - Thank you Katy!

Big Fun at Evening Under the Big Sky

The Audubon Conservation Education Center (Audubon Center) will host an evening of fine dining at the Center on Saturday, September 6, 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



The dinner will be accompanied by a silent and live auction, featuring auctioneer Mert Musser along with music from Kemmick and Friends.

A luxurious 6 day safari in South Africa by Zulu Nyala, Griz/Cat game weekend, one of a kind sketch from Loren Entz, onsite painting by Sarah Morris and one of a kind artwork designed by local artists and community members such as Connie Landis and Nick Lamb are just a few of the items that will be auctioned that evening.

To reserve your tickets today call 294-5099 or mail a check (written to Montana Audubon) to 7026 S. Billings Blvd, Billings, MT 59101. Tickets are \$50 per person.

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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. Make check payable to **National Audubon Society**. Renewals will be sent to you through National Audubon.

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

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 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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 Attention: Membership Secretary
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WHOOPS!!

Is it time for you to become a YVAS member or renew your chapter membership?

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR FLYER. IF IT SHOWS "YVAS JAN 12" BELOW YOUR NAME, THEN YOU ARE A SUPPORTING CHAPTER MEMBER WHOSE MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED IN JANUARY 2012. IF YOU ARE NOT A SUPPORTING MEMBER OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED, HELP US OUT BY JOINING OR RENEWING NOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$20, USING THE FORM ON THE RIGHT. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS FUND THE PUBLICATION OF THE FLYER ALONG WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR CHAPTER.

Membership Information

Although the National Audubon Society gives complimentary membership in our chapter as a benefit, no dues come to us. We strongly encourage you to join YVAS as a Supporting Chapter Member, which is offered for \$20 a year. Use the application form above to join as a Supporting Chapter Member or to renew your Chapter Membership.

1. **Moving???** Let us know as early as possible when you plan to move. The Post Office does charge us a fee for returned flyers. Include your old address as well as your new address so we can track you. You may write, call, or email the information to the Membership Secretary.
2. Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society offers Supporting Chapter student memberships for a reduced rate of \$10 a year. If you applying for a new student membership or are renewing a student membership, make sure you indicate your academic affiliation in your application. Joel Bowers, Membership Secretary



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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. **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.

FIELD TRIP CHAIR: Donn Bartlett 252-0757, donnbartlett@msn.com

Sept 4	Thur	MEET AT RIVERFRONT PARK, S Billings Blvd, 1st Parking area on right. 5 p.m.	Fall Migrants. Mike Weber, leader.
Sept 20	Sat	PRYOR MOUNTAINS. Meet at 7 am at Rocky Mountain College for carpooling or Bridger Rest Stop at 8:30 a.m.	Sack Lunch. Ruth Vanderhorst/Stam Heath, leaders.
Oct 4	Sat	STILLWATER AND COONEY DAM. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Sack Lunch. Deb and Steve Regele, leaders.
Nov 8	Sat	YELLOWTAIL DAM AFTERBAY. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Sack Lunch, George Mowat, leader.
Dec 14	Sun	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	Jim Court, leader. Contact 259-5099, custertours@gmail.com , or Gail Speck at 461-1997. See the Nov/Dec issue of the Flyer or visit yvaudubon.org for more details.

