



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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- **Supporting Chapter Membership Update**
- **YVAS achievements**
- **Conservation Grants**
- **Field Trip Notes**



YVAS President
Bill DeMeyer

Thanks to Ruth Vanderhorst, Monty Sullins and Robert Lubbers who are passing the torch of their YVAS leadership activities. Our organization made impressive achievements under their direction and their efforts are appreciated by all of us. Stepping into the role of President we welcome Bill DeMeyer. Bill is a native Montanan, born and raised on a farm located at 24th and Central Avenue in Billings. His interest and love of birds began when his father introduced him to the Long-billed Curlew at the age of 5 on the family farm. For the past 35+ years he has worked for the City of Billings as a lab tech, water operator and now as the Chief Chemist. His wife Lisa convinced him to get involved with YVAS back in 1989, where he met Jim Phelps and Bill Roney. Jim introduced him into the world of politics involving the environment and Bill taught him how to identify birds and their habitat. He also served on the board for YVAS back in the 1990's. During that time he met Helen Carlson who also taught him bird identification, and Robert Lubbers who furthered his knowledge of environmental issues. He also reconnected with college friend, YVAS VP Steve Regele. As president, he hopes to help further the knowledge of birds, their habitat, and the issues that we face in preserving the environment so that birding can continue as a hobby that future generations will be able to enjoy. Elected to serve one year terms as officers are:

President: Bill DeMeyer 2011-2012
 Vice President: Steve Regele 2011-2012
 Treasurer: Deb Regele 2011-2012
 Secretary: Mary Schvetz 2011-2012
 Past-President Kayhan Ostevar 2011-2012
Board of Directors, serving two-year terms:
 Rita Harding 2011-2013
 Nancy Wiggins 2011-2013
 Jeanette Tasey 2010-2012



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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, August 8, 6:00 p.m: Board Meeting
Monday, September 12, 6:00 p.m: Board Meeting
Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m: General Membership Meeting



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RUTH VANDERHORST
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A LEGACY TO LIVE UP TO:

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president for the past two years. It has been a stimulating and educational process for me, filled with the rewarding relationships that typify work in the Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society. I have valued the efforts of many others to make the chapter a viable and productive organization. The Board, the active members who volunteer, those who attend meetings and all those who contribute through Supporting Chapter memberships are especially appreciated. I wish the new President, Bill DeMeyer an enjoyable and productive term. He brings enthusiasm and a history of previous work with the Board. Best wishes to all. Ruth Vander-



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO BECOME A YVAS MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP?

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR FLYER. FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT SHOWS "YVAS JAN 12" ABOVE YOUR NAME, THEN YOU ARE A SUPPORTING CHAPTER MEMBER WHOSE MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES IN JANUARY 2012. IF YOU ARE NOT A YVAS MEMBER OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED, HELP US OUT BY JOINING OR RENEWING NOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$20, USING THE FORM ON PAGE 7. THIS IS SEPARATE FROM YOUR NATIONAL AUDUBON DUES. YOUR YVAS MEMBERSHIP HELPS FUND THE PUBLICATION OF THE FLYER ALONG WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR CHAPTER.

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Meetings are held September through May at Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Poly and Rehberg:

- Board Meetings held second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Board Meetings are open to entire membership.
- General Chapter Meetings are held third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to the public.



CONGRATULATIONS to the YVAS leadership and active members for making this a 'bragathon' year. We celebrate the following accomplishments

1. Conservation Grant awarded to the Roundup Conservation District environmental education
2. Yellowstone River Cleanup
3. Collaboration with and support of Montana Audubon and the Audubon Conservation and Education Center
4. Osprey Project - monitoring of nests and placement of new nesting platform
5. IBAYellowstone River Corridor plan submitted
6. Birdathon
7. Implementation of systematic record-keeping system of field trip sightings for state records.
8. Audubon Adventures in 30 classrooms
9. APR BioBlitz
10. Xmas Potluck Fundraiser
11. Birding classes...Helen Carlson's 35th year
12. Yellowstone Flyer revisions
13. Website improvements: yvaudubon.org
14. Recycling Program
15. Library Archives in the Montana Room at the Parnly Billings Library revised
16. Policy Book update and revised Bylaws
17. Field Trips expanded

YVAS CONSERVATION GRANT

The Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society annually awards Conservation Grants to eligible educational institutions, groups, or individuals with a sound project that meets the YVAS mission to promote enjoyment and protection of the natural environment through education, activism, and conservation of bird habitat. In April 2010 the Grant was awarded to the Roberts School for students in grades 7-12 to construct and install bird and bat houses in the area. We received follow-up in May of that year that the project was completed. At the May 2011 membership meeting we were informed by the science biology teacher J.D. Jones that there had been successful nesting in 14 boxes and that the boxes were being continually monitored and maintained by the students. In February 2011 YVAS awarded to the Lower Musselshell Conservation District for an Outdoor Classroom Birdhouse Project designed to teach 5th and 6th grade students about local birds species and their nesting habits. Unfortunately, parts of the project had to be delayed because of the unprecedented flooding in the area. We hope they were able to carry out the project and look forward to getting a report from them in the fall.



EVENTS AT THE AUDUBON CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER (ACEC)

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www.mtacec.org

June 28th Free evening lecture at 7 – 8 PM: What Didn't Happen at the Little Bighorn; or How Buffalo Bill Cody and Sitting Bull Created Custer's Last Stand, presented by Dr. Tim Lehman
The myth of Custer's Last Stand remains strong in our national consciousness, but it does not reflect what happened at the battle of the Little Bighorn. Instead it was created after the fact by journalists, poets, artists, and showmen such as Buffalo Bill Cody. Ironically, it was Lakota battle veterans, including Sitting Bull, who gave Cody's Wild West show its perceived authenticity. In recent years the myth of Custer's Last Stand has been challenged by battlefield archaeology and Indian testimony which suggests a very different scenario of what happened on June 25, 1876 on the Little Bighorn River.

July 26th: Fundraising concert for the Audubon Center and YRPA at the Josephine Crossing neighborhood Park. Music by the Peach Pickers! Food, drink, and other goods for sale by local vendors.



FIELD TRIP NOTES

MAY 5TH 35TH ANNUAL BIRD CLASS: Participants in Helen Carlson's 35th annual birding class hit the ground running with record-setting good weather on May 5. For three consecutive Thursdays we sought out the birds from Lake Elmo to Molt, including Riverfront and Two-Moon Parks. Some of the migrants were slow to arrive this year, but with expert guidance, we managed to see 82 species including Burrowing Owls, water fowl, raptors, warblers. The last class was one of those Montana deluge days, but that didn't stop Helen from finding a Northern Parula (a rare warbler in the state) near the Audubon Center in Riverfront Park at Norms Island. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Everyone had a great time - weather is part of the fun - and all proceeds go to Audubon



Birders focusing on the Northern Parula

Adventures, helping to spread the message of Audubon in local

MAY 13-15 AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE

The beautiful landscape, the flora and fauna, the local history, the warm hospitality at the American Prairie Reserve (APR) and the camaraderie of like-minded individuals who share a deep and abiding respect for the prairie grassland ecosystem sum up travel to the site. What keeps me awake some nights are disconcerting things I learn about the disappearance and destruction of fragile ecosystems all over the world, and in our own backyard, and how this has impacted all species. After spending time touring the reserve and visiting with the staff, I came away with a sense of hope, generated by the mission of the APR and a firsthand observation of what an intact grassland ecosystem can do to help many threatened or declining species of plants and animals.

Seven of us were hosted by nice weather, wonderful birding and views of the lush, green spring countryside. We met with Alison Piper Fox, Marketing Manager for the APR and our guide for the drive into the APR yurt camp. The path to camp had sloughs with many species of ducks and shorebirds such as American Avocets, Willets, Wilson's Phalaropes and noisy Long-billed Curlews. We flushed a few migrants such as White Crowned and Chipping Sparrows and a Brown Thrasher; Loggerhead Shrikes were common and the first flocks of Lark Buntings were moving in. The hour drive to the camp took nearly 3 hours due to all the pleasant distractions; we drove the last 10+ miles nonstop so we could arrive in a somewhat timely manner!

We met the APR Manager Bryce, his wife Christine, Meg the APR Events Coordinator and Dennis the APR Foreman in the main dining/meeting yurt. They talked about the history of the APR, its vision and current state and afterwards we were treated to a delicious meal. We spent the rest of the evening around a campfire, enjoying the sunset, birdsongs, bird watching, and the serenade of seemingly hundreds of Chorus Frogs. The wind died as the evening shadows grew long, coyotes yipped and howled - a perfect end to our first day.

I arose before dawn to see a Willet from the door of the yurt, quietly picking amongst the shoreline grasses. In the pre-dawn light, Vesper Sparrows and Meadowlarks were singing in mass; I could pick out the buzzing song of the Clay-colored Sparrow and the long and trilling song of the Brewers Sparrow. Steve Regele joined me and we spotted what we initially thought was a hawk 100 yards away. The so-called 'hawk' took flight as the sun was just peeking over the horizon and we were treated to the buoyant and butterfly like flight of a Short-eared Owl. The camp is set on the edge of a large pond held back by a man-made earthen dike, and the heavy winter snows and spring rains made the it quite soggy. The shoreline crept up to the main dining/meeting and cooking yurts and was nearly lapping at the doors of the four smaller yurts used for sleeping. From the camp we observed Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser Scaup, BW Teal, a lone Canada goose, and an American Wigeon. While enjoying breakfast, a Ring-billed Gull circled. As we were preparing to leave for a tour, a late-migrating Yellowlegs landed on the far side of the pond. George Mowat soon had his spotting scope out and ID it as a Greater Yellowlegs; Upland Sandpipers could also be heard calling.

We piled into two vehicles to tour the reserve and surrounding countryside. One of the many highlights was the Bison herd; first were the bachelor bulls, where a couple of the larger ones were locked in battle. We drove to the edge of a Prairie Dog town, walking as close as we dared to a much larger herd of female bison - it was calving season and there were probably 8 or 9 Bison calves with more expected.

We visited a one-room log school house and the APR headquarters, an updated ranch house several miles from camp. We stopped frequently to watch birds, while Dennis and Alison talked about the local history, both ancient and since European settlement. We saw our first Marbled Godwit, a pair of Upland Sandpipers, a lone White Pelican, and a Great Horned Owl nest with an adult and a couple fledglings and lunched at the new campground that will soon be open to the



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public. Later we observed Burrowing Owls in a large Prairie Dog town. We were right on the cusp of migration as a number of prairie and riparian birds had not arrived yet; in a couple more weeks the APR will really be bursting with birdlife.

We visited a buffalo jump site where some ancient early American Indian carvings were made on a large boulder; on the side of a boulder was one of a left hand, which I could fit my entire hand into. Other carvings were worn in spots probably due to time and weather, and no one knew what the carvings meant. The view from this spot was beautiful as it over-looked a deep coulee with a swollen stream that snaked through it and large undulating hills rising high on the other side.



GREATER SAGE-GROUSE
Photo by Mary Schvetz

We headed for bed with several of us making tentative plans to arise at 3:30 and hike to the Sage Grouse lek west of camp. In the middle the night we were awakened by strong winds roaring out of the east and everyone decided to stay in except Mary Schvetz who bravely hiked out. There was a blind set up where she watched 27 males dance and 7 females who visited. Mary was rewarded with some nice photos as well as video of the male Sage Grouse dancing.

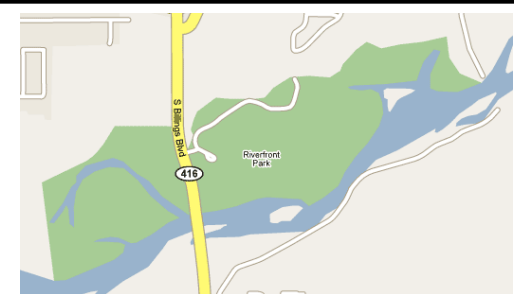
We departed in the morning and saw Mountain Bluebirds, Red Crossbills, Violet Green Swallows, Red-breasted Nuthatches; we observed several Red-naped Sapsuckers, tallying 77 bird species by the time we reached Billings. We would like to thank the fine folks from the APR who made us feel very welcome as well as the anonymous donor who made this APR trip possible. Thanks to Mike Weber

MAY 7TH LAKE BASIN VIA MOLT TO BROADVIEW

We began our adventure at 56th Street West ponds where we found two rare sightings: a White-faced Ibis and Greater White-fronted Goose. Two spotting scopes among the 5 of us provided that all important close-up. The drive on Molt Rd. turned up more great discoveries: one stop revealed several Loggerhead Shrikes, among the sixty-eight species we saw that day. Making use of the spotting scopes, we viewed a nesting Great Horned Owl replete with owlets, and got a 'bird's eye' view of a Swainson's Hawk atop a fence post. We drove on to Hailstone Nat'l Wildlife Refuge to find Chestnut-collared Longspur, perched on a fence line. We traveled thru Molt along the Molt/Rapelje Road to Lake View and Eastlick, Wheat Basin Rd, Hailstone Rd, Gooseneck Rd, finding a pair of American Avocets in a roadside pond with the ever spinning pair of Wilson's Phalaropes. Broadview was the last leg of this YVAS spring birding adventure, where the ponds on the edge of the road at treated us to a smorgasbord of birds, from the Common Yellowthroat to the White Pelican, Teals, and all kinds of water fowl. Thanks to Will Crain



AMERICAN AVOCET
Photo



Riverfront Park is located along the banks of the Yellowstone River, in south Billings. It covers 440 acres, twelve of which are developed. The rest of the area has been left in its natural state and is a mainstay for local birders. The park was the homestead of Joseph Cochran, the first recorded settler in present day Yellowstone County. Cochran arrived in 1877 and the town of Coulson was founded a few miles down river a little later that same year. Another settlement in the Riverfront Park area was called the Newman Settlement. The stretch of river around Riverfront Park was known in the early days as a good ford or river crossing. The steamboat *The Josephine* could and did reach this point in the river until a change in the river channel was caused by a large island which split the river. The bluff on Indian Point at Riverfront Park was a promontory used by the Crow

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MAY 14TH RIVERFRONT PARK

With the traditional spring migration being a week or more later than normal, nine of us spent some 3 hours, combing the Park for new arrivals. Although it was still chilly and evident that the Yellowstone River was rising, we saw many Yellow Warblers, a Least Flycatcher, and a pair of Spotted Sandpipers. Walking the well-groomed trails, watching for ticks, we saw the standard resident geese, domestic ducks, turtles, and the Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Moving on to Norm's Island, our guide, Ruth Vanderhorst picked up a Yellow Chat calling and sure enough we were treated to his profile off in the distance. All told, 26 species were identified on this field trip. Thanks again to Will Crain.



YVAS Board member Jeanette Tasey working with the NorthWestern Energy crew

MAY 20TH Despite soft ground from the heavy spring rains, the crew from NorthWestern Energy arrived on schedule to install the new Osprey platform at the Montana Audubon Conservation Education Center (ACEC), on May 20, 2011.

Cooperating with business, utility and government organizations to determine problematic nest sites and erect safer replacement nests is one of the goals of the Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society's (YVAS) 'Osprey Project' under the direction of member Monty Sullins. Other goals are to monitor nest sites and fledgling rates, as well as spread the word about dangers to Osprey, such as baling twine. The 30-foot-tall platform comes furnished with sticks and twigs, and is one of two planned for the fish-eating raptors at the Center's 27 acre site, giving Osprey an unobstructed view of a nearby pond. YVAS board member, Jeanette Tasey, constructed an arm for the installation of a webcam so

the public will be able to view and record the birds' nesting activities. NorthWestern Energy and YVAS each donated \$800 to the installation; we are seeking to raise funds for the webcam project with a Birdathon that is scheduled June 11-12. Although it may be a little late for occupancy this season, hopefully the location will attract a pair of nesters when the birds return from the south again next April. The company has erected similar platforms in the past to help discourage Osprey from nesting on power poles. Last August, the YVAS collaborated with the Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative to install a nesting platform at the Duck Creek Fishing Access. The platform has a nesting pair this year. We are in the second year of monitoring Osprey nests along the Yellowstone River to collect information to help with the bird's management and conservation. Osprey numbers have been increasing in south-central Montana. A survey last year from Big Timber downstream to the mouth of the Bighorn River found 35 osprey nests. Osprey occupied 26 of the nests and produced 17 chicks. Thanks to Jeanette Tasey



MOUNTAIN BLUE-BIRD Photo by Will

JUNE 7TH PICTOGRAPH CAVES June 7 was another stormy day during the unusually wet, windy and cool Spring of 2011. But, about 5 pm, the weather began to cooperate with the possibility of bird watching at the "caves". No one was expected to show up, but Will Crain joined Anne Cowan and Ruth for what turned out to be a very nice hour and a half with the birds. In all, 18 species were identified. Brilliant blues were exhibited by Lazuli Buntings and by half a dozen Mountain Bluebirds. Gorgeous yellows were provided by Yellow-breasted Chats, Goldfinches and Yellow Warblers. A flash of reddish color revealed a Brown Thrasher swiftly flying to a nest almost hidden in a low bush. More red graced the underwings and flanks of the Northern Flickers. Delicate tinges of peach along the flanks of a Say's Phoebe added to the palate on this gray but clearing evening. What looked to be another lost field trip turned into an especially delightful evening. Will got some great photos of some of these colorful friends. Thanks to Ruth Vanderhorst

RIM COUNTRY LAND INSTITUTE

WEDNESDAY WALKABOUTS: Every Wednesday from 5:30-8:30, a chance to spend an evening of exploration with a naturalist guide. Designed to be an introduction to the prairie landscape, great for a single evening or a whole season of connecting with the local prairie. \$5/person.

FULL MOON WALKS: June 15 at 8pm, July 14 at 8pm, August 13 at 7:30. Come out to the grasslands to watch the sunset and full moon rise over the open landscape. Spend time exploring the prairie and return to a campfire for warm drinks and conversation. Bring a story or song to share, instruments welcome! \$10/person or \$25/family.

EARLY MORNING BIRD WALKS: 6am Saturdays, June 18, July 16. Early in the AM is a great time for birds and those who watch them, especially on the prairie. A morning tour of avian life on both the grassland plateaus and ponderosa canyons of our field site. \$5/person.

COVE CANYON CROSSWALK: 8am Saturdays, June 18, July 16. Whether you join us at the 6am bird walk or not, meet a 8am for an all-day exploration of our prairie home. Bring a lunch, sunscreen, water, and a sense of adventure. \$10/person.-- All take place at Cove Canyon Grasslands, a 3,000-acre prairie preserve just west of Billings. Call or e-mail to register, 696-8622 or carolyn@rimcountry.org.

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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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Email Address _____

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 Attention: Membership Secretary
 P.O. Box 1075
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Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society
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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 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.

Name _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Send this application and your check to:

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society
 Attention: Membership Secretary
 P.O. Box 1075
 Billings, MT 59103-1075



June, July, and August is summer break for YVAS Chapter meetings. We will resume regular Chapter meetings the third Monday in September.

The next edition of the FLYER will be mailed to YVAS supporting Chapter members in August. See the August FLYER for more details about the September meeting and have a great summer with the birds!

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. 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.

- **June 18 (Sat) BILLIE HICK'S HOUSE.** 6:30 a.m. at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling or 7:00 a.m. at Billie's house. Brunch. Singing birds. Summer Fundraiser — \$7.50. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Phone Billie 962-3798 (BY THURSDAY NIGHT).

- **NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM JUNE 11 to**



- **June 25 (Sat) PRYOR MOUNTAINS.** 7 A.M. AT Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling or **Bridger Rest Stop** at 8:00 a.m. (Note, the area we go to will be modified due to a "Motorcycle Event.") Bring sack lunch. George Mowat, leader.

- **July 9 (Sat) RED LODGE TRIP.** 7 a.m. at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling or Visitor's Center in Red Lodge at 9 a.m. (We will be birding on the way to Red Lodge). Bring sack lunch. Jerry Dalton, leader.

- **Aug 6 (Sat) SHOREBIRDS, HAWKS & PRAIRIE BIRDS.** 8 a.m. Bring sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader.

- **August 25 to 28 (Thurs--Sun) WESTBY AND NORTHEAST MONTANA.** Observe migrating birds including warblers found in Northeast Montana. Helen Carlson, leader. Call Helen at 248-8684 for information. Make your own reservations for two nights at the Sherwood Inn in Plentywood, MT 406-765-2810 and one night at the Maltana Motel in Malta 406-654-2610.



Field Trip Chairs: George and Bernie Mowat, 656-7467