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EVERGREEN AUDUBON NEWSLETTER

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## VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATIONS HELP NEEDED

Evergreen Audubon is looking for volunteers who can take on one or more of the following responsibilities:

- **Boardwalk posters**—rotate poster in boardwalk kiosk near Evergreen Lakehouse once per month; posters will be provided.
- **Send postcards to new Audubon members**—print labels and postcards and mail to new national and local members each month (about six to 15 per month).

Excel spreadsheet will be provided each month.

- **Distribute flyers**—for special Audubon events to local businesses in the Bergen Park, downtown Evergreen and Highway 73/74 corridor areas.

Several people who live in different areas and could distribute near their homes would be ideal.

If you're interested, please contact Lisa Wald, communications director, at [communications@evergreenaudubon.org](mailto:communications@evergreenaudubon.org) or 303-674-0417.

## NIGHT BOATING AT EVERGREEN LAKE

Evergreen Nature Center will be open during two nights of boating on Evergreen Lake during August.

Evergreen Park and Recreation District will offer the lighted boating on Aug. 14 and 28 from 8 to 10 p.m.

## Benefit bash is for the birds

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, come down to the lake to enjoy a lively evening of good company, food and music at Bird House Bash, a benefit for Evergreen Audubon.

More than a dozen of the mountain area's most noted artists have generously donated their talents to decorate bird houses for the silent auction.

The not-to-be-missed event at Evergreen Lakehouse includes dinner, music and silent and live auctions. Look for your invitation in the mail the week of Aug. 1. The invitation also will be posted at [www.evergreenaudubon.org](http://www.evergreenaudubon.org); an RSVP is requested.

For more information, or to volunteer for

the event, call Mimi Nelson, 303-674-3192, or Marge Peterson, 303-670-4310.

- Mimi Nelson



## Program highlights Panamá



*Gray-headed Chachalac in Gamboa, Panama.*  
Photo by Dave Balogh

In recent years, birders from around the world have discovered Panamá as a premier birding destination. Nestled between Costa Rica and Colombia, Panamá's country list contains 982 bird species.

In January, nine Evergreen Audubon members ventured south to sample Panamá's abundant birdlife. Join former Evergreen Audubon president Dave Balogh and Bird Monitoring chair Brad Andres as they present an armchair tour of this intriguing country at the September chapter meeting.

Dave travels often with birding in mind and camera in hand, and Brad has made more than 15 birding trips to Mexico and Central America.

The high diversity of Panamá's birdlife is due to the country's wide elevation range (sea level to more than 11,000 feet) and its geographic position as a bridge between Central and South America.

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Meetings first Thursday except January, June, July, August  
7 p.m., Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road, Evergreen

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** DAVID WALD

It sometimes seems like there are too many things going on. Is there too much?

Some Audubon field trips and events are full of participants and others are undersubscribed. Is this just randomness in scheduling or poor timing, or should we change the focus?

The board asks your advice on our current suite of field trips, meetings, movie nights and other events. Too many? Not the right times, venues, occasions?

Please provide any of the board members with feedback. But, remember to be nice; these events take a lot of effort!

The first Movie Night at the Nature Center, on July 7, was declared a success, despite rather low attendance. The cinematic gem "Winged Migration" was nice to see projected inside the Nature Center.

The setting is perfect for an evening movie. In fact, summer evenings at the Nature Center are enchanting. They are quiet compared to the heavy daytime traffic and fishing, and, in the twilight, shadows and lake views are enhanced.

As dusk descends, the swallows pass the baton to the bats! During the movie, and almost as if on cue, a bat appeared inside the Nature Center and flew over the audience. Viewers were impressed with our ability to project in 3D!

The next Movie Night at the Nature Center is Aug. 10. It is geared toward families, of course, with the requisite bird theme to spark your interest. The movie "Fly Away Home" is a heartwarming classic, so bring yourself, your kids, your grandkids, or just borrow the neighbors' kids!

**VIP VOLUNTEERS** DAVID WALD

- **Sylvia Robertson** and **Peggy Durham** planned and set up for the annual picnic; **Marge Petersen** was a huge help as well. The entertainment was key, with **Marilyn Rhodes** and the **MT Choir** living up to their reputation. The bird-song recognition challenge and bird-house prize were brilliant (especially on my deck!); thanks to **Bob Santangelo**. Thanks also to everyone else who helped set up and clean up! And thanks to **Peggy** for keeping us informed of **Dick Williams** and for organizing his affairs and memorial ceremony.

- Thanks to **Sherman Wing** and **Susan Harper** for organizing an early-morning Mt. Evans birding adventure—great idea! Kudos too to **Kent Simon** for teaching a great class on conifers at the Nature Center, followed by a field trip through the wide range of Bear Creek habitats. (The Wald four are still cleaning sap out of their fingers!)

- Thanks to **Barbara Klaus** for keeping after the Canyon Courier and getting our event and happenings information out! **Karel Buckley** generated the content for and **Debbie Marshall** did a wonderful job creating the summer/fall Nature Center programs brochure. **Lisa Wald** has finished a series of posters for the wetlands kiosk.

- Great job by three teenage volunteers—**Megan Stills**, **Kaylin Land** and **Emily Wald**—who staffed the Nature Center booth during the Evergreen Music Festival along with **Sylvia Robertson**.

- Many thanks to **Owen Knutson** for putting together the IRS tax-reporting forms for Evergreen Audubon.

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS DAVID WALD

This section is the first of a regular *Dipper* update on relevant EA board deliberations, decisions and desires. This report pertains to the June meeting. Please let us know if you find this *Dipper* section helpful.

## Audubon Colorado

Dick Prickett, our Audubon Colorado representative, reported on the June 5 Audubon Colorado meeting held in Grand Junction and attended by seven chapters. The host chapter, Grand Valley Audubon Society, is in the early stages of starting a nature center.

Ken Strom, AC executive director, said the paid AC lobbyist, Jen Boulton (shared with Trout Unlimited), reported that of the 28 bills we supported (11 were priority), 100% were passed. Ken remarked that our lobbying effort is the best thing AC does.

However, AC is not on sound financial footing at this time, and is surviving in part on income from a judgment. He reported that the National Audubon Soci-

ety is also in deep financial straits.

NAS is considering eliminating the state organizations, replacing them with regional boards. The next AC meeting will be Oct. 2 in Pueblo. David Wald will attend; others are welcome.

## Bird Monitoring

Brad Andres reported that there were many new bluebird boxes in Elk Meadow and lots of birds rejoicing their arrival. Brad and Mike Wilson made and installed 25 more boxes at Three Sisters Park.

Mike reported that nesting activity has been slow in Elk Meadow this spring, but now there are a significant number of eggs and nestlings along with a number of other interesting developments.

## Communications

Lisa Wald reported that there continue to be lots of sightings of local birds posted on the Evergreen Audubon website. Lisa has added a photo gallery

for uploading and displaying photos that members would like to share.

Uploads require a password, so contact Lisa (communications@evergreenaudubon.org) to obtain the secret code (no, it's not "bird" or "tweet").

## Nature Center

Nature Center Director Michael Stills reported that our Jeffco SCFD 2011 grant request was funded with \$11,900, a significant increase over the past year. This is an important component of the long-term funding strategy for the Nature Center.

## Programs Chair Needed

The board is looking for a new chapter meeting programs chair to take over for Mike Wilson and Barbara Nabors. The main duties include finding and lining up speakers, and introducing them for chapter meetings and the banquet. Please talk with Mike, Barbara or David Wald if interested.

## Spring Mail Campaign Donors List As of July 23, 2010

A hearty thank-you to all those than generously contributed to the spring mail fundraising campaign!

### \$1000 and over

Tom and Else Van Erp  
David and Lisa Wald

### \$500 and over

Sherman Wing

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Heather Johnson  
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Tim and Marilyn Stechert

Ed Steinbrecker

Arnold and Betty Wald

Michael Weideman

John and Jean Witwer

The latest nest-cam report from Marilyn Rhodes on July 9 said two **Violet-Green Swallow** chicks had hatched after 16 days of incubation. She thought she would be able to observe them for 23 to 25 more days; if anyone would like to take a peek, call Marilyn at 303-674-6580.

During the last two weeks of June, Sherman Wing saw almost a dozen **Virginia's Warblers** at Mt. Falcon Park. All were initially found singing and foraging in the ponderosa pines and/or adjoining shrubs.

These warblers can be found along the north-facing crest of the Castle Trail, on the north-facing ridge, in the old burn area and down near the park boundary below the equestrian bypass.

A casual gathering of birders got together the evening of July 3 at Mt. Falcon Park in search of goatsuckers (nightjars), which include the Common Nighthawk and the Common Poor-will.

They got a very good look at a **Green-tailed Towhee**, **Western Tanager**, **Cordilleran Flycatcher** and a **Red-tailed Hawk**. Near dark, they finally got looks at two **Common Night-**

**hawks** as they skimmed the tall grasses for insects in the meadow.

Two **Peregrine Falcons** soared with the music over Red Rocks Amphitheater the evening of July 5 as the Wald family enjoyed the Colorado Symphony. At intermission, David and son Aaron found them at the back of the theater, each atop one of the rock towers—one on each side!

At the Sting concert at Red Rocks in mid-June, Marilyn Rhodes and a friend observed a raccoon that is nesting on Creation Rock, the big rock north of the amphitheater. Just above the long ledge where the raccoon is nesting are some mud nests that belong to **Cliff Swallows**.



*The beautiful Green-tailed Towhee . . . a wonderful singer! Photo by Sherman Wing*

On the evening of July 9 Sherman walked the Meadow Trail at Mt. Falcon, again looking for the two goatsuckers in our area. At about 8:45 p.m. a **Common Nighthawk** flew off from the ground, near the intersection of Ute and Meadow. He saw the bird hunting, off and on, for the next several minutes.

At 9:02 p.m. near the junction of the Meadow Trail and the Castle Trail, in the last remaining light, a **Common Poor-will** landed about 15 feet in front of Sherman, on the trail. As I walked past the burn area, I heard another **Common Poor-will calling** from below the sheltered overlook.

Pat Wyker of Georgetown reported July 14 that a beautiful male **Rufous Hummingbird** was visiting her backyard feeder in Georgetown daily. Also, a **Green-tailed Towhee** couple that nested close by had raised one baby who sang as beautifully as its parents.

A huge **Red-tailed Hawk** plucked a baby **House Finch** off the hillside behind her house. The whole House Finch family gave pursuit, but all in vain.

Sherman also had a **Rufous Hummingbird** (aka the Red Baron) back at his feeders on July 18. As Sherman noted, let the battles begin.

## Program to highlight Panamá

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During the presentation, Dave and Brad will take you from the highlands along the western border with Costa Rica to the lowlands of the Canal Zone and the Darién Peninsula.

They will share photographs of some of the 427 species of birds the group encountered (with exotic names like araçari, jacobin, tityra and schiffornis) and will give an overview of some of the human history.

A copy of the group's checklist and other Panamá resources and native Panamanian crafts will be available for browsing.

Be sure to attend this presentation and be wowed by what Panamá offers the birder. Guests are welcome.

The Thursday, Sept. 2, meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road (just west of

Evergreen Library), in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and the business meeting will follow.

- Barbara Nabors, Program chair

## Ceremony held for Dick Williams

As many of you may remember, Audubon member Dick Williams disappeared in July 2008 on Mt. Evans. He was found recently just off a hiking trail near Mt. Evans.

Dick presented his excellent slides at our chapter meetings several times. He was an avid birder and great photographer.

A ceremony to scatter his ashes was planned for July 28 near the Summit Lake parking lot on Mt. Evans.

- Peggy Durham

## MEET THE BOARD: CHERYL MANNING, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Swainson's Hawks nesting in the trees outside her childhood home might have had something to do with Cheryl Manning's grownup love for wild things and the environment they inhabit.

"I always had a real strong conservation ethic, probably due to my upbringing," said Cheryl, who has served as education director for Evergreen Audubon since January 2009.

The position was established to take over for the Education Subcommittee, and now also coordinates education aspects of the Evergreen Nature Center.

Dave Wald, EA president, said Cheryl takes on numerous activities that benefit EA's commitment to education and its visibility in the community.

"Cheryl's current Evergreen High School teaching and the depth of her community involvement provide critical insight and guidance to the board on a range of topics, including education, student and family involvement, and interaction with other community programs," David said.

Cheryl grew up in Choteau, a small Montana town about 100 miles south of the Canadian border on the eastern flank of the Rocky Mountains. Grizzly bears and wolves roamed the area and a marsh near her home brought resident and migrating birds into view.

"We have a huge responsibility to take care of our resources because they are limited," Cheryl said. "I got into education because if kids understand the limitations of our resources, they will take care of them."

Cheryl teaches environmental science at Evergreen High School, where she landed after a year of teaching in Bountiful, Utah, and five years as a middle school science instructor in Salt Lake City.

She earned bachelor and master's degrees in earth science at Montana State University at Bozeman and received a teaching certificate from the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

Teaching environmental science at EHS gives her a "huge opportunity" to get high school kids more involved with and knowledgeable about their local environment.



*Cheryl Manning (with "Elkatraz" in the background). Photo supplied*

"I want to demonstrate that we have great kids," she said. "We have phenomenal high school kids that just need the opportunity to get involved."

She said students have an active interest in volunteering and interacting with Evergreen Nature Center. She and Michael Stills, ENC executive director, want to get local schools more involved with Nature Center programs and raise the awareness of younger people about Audubon.

Once kids are aware of the Nature Center, "They will bring parents along," Cheryl said. "Much of it is word of mouth—more people become aware, more people will be made aware."

The Nature Center represents a unique opportunity, but it does present challenges to teachers wishing to use it as a resource.

"In the foothills, on the water, it's the only thing like it," Cheryl said. "But because of its seasonality, it's more of a challenge for teachers to use it."

Cheryl already takes students to the Nature Center when its season overlaps the school year, but she thinks winter

programs that are independent of the building would be fun. A likely teachable moment: "What do fish do when the lake freezes?"

Cheryl also would like to see internships at the Nature Center, possibly for returning college kids.

In the immediate future, though, she is looking forward to this fall's group of incoming freshmen. "The interest is going to be incredible," she said. "We already have a small,

dedicated group of kids who work at the Nature Center and that is going to grow."

One of those incoming freshmen is Cheryl's daughter, Aidan. Daughter Sophia is a fifth-grader at Wilmot Elementary. Cheryl and her husband, Andy, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Lakewood, take the girls on a big backpacking trip every summer.

This year, the family hiked along the coast of California—just before Cheryl had surgery on both knees. The problem was congenital, but she is hoping for a speedy return to skiing as well as hiking.

In the meantime, there is "Elkatraz"—the Manning family vegetable garden fortified against the most common pests in the Arapahoe Park Estates area southwest of Three Sisters Park.

The garden presumably is weed free, given Cheryl's interest in eliminating noxious weeds from the local community.

She has adopted a plot at Evergreen Lake, although visitors who wonder why she is pulling up something as beautiful as a Canadian thistle often challenge her.

Just another teachable moment.

# FIELD NOTES

## Lair o' the Bear Park

Heather Johnson and Else Van Erp led a Beginning Birders Field Trip June 19. It was an incredible day with perfect weather and tons of birds!

A definite highlight was four Plumbeous Vireos, with one of the pairs carrying nest material (a confirmed breeder). We also saw several dozen Cedar Waxwings along the river, Lazuli Bunting, Bullock's Oriole, Black-crowned Night Heron, Western Tanager and many other beautiful migrants.

We had so much fun that we plan to add another beginner bird trip this summer—keep in touch if you are interested in joining us next time!

- Heather Johnson

## Genesee Mountain Park

On Friday morning, July 2, 11 of us birded the main part of Genesee Park. Thanks to Warren Roske, who scouted Genesee with me, and to Sherman Wing, who helped me lead this trip. We discovered 27 species of birds.

- 2 Canada Goose
- 1 Mourning Dove
- 4 Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- 4 Williamson's Sapsucker: One female flew over us and stopped 50 feet away in a 20-foot-tall snag. She drummed for two minutes and flew off.
- 3 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
- 8 Cordilleran Flycatcher
- 10 Black-billed Magpie
- 6 American Crow
- 10 Violet-green Swallow: An adult went inside a cavity in a Douglas-fir (at

## 'Fly Away Home' set for Aug. 10 at ENC

Please join Evergreen Audubon for the second Family Movie Night at Evergreen Nature Center on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The movie will be "Fly Away Home," a 1996 film that features a 14-year-old who leads a family of orphaned geese, who lost their way, back home.

Popcorn and drinks will be available at both Family Movie Nights.

20 feet in a 30-foot tree) that is 150 yards west of the flagpole atop Genesee Mountain.

- 2 Black-capped Chickadee
- 10 Mountain Chickadee
- 1 White-breasted Nuthatch
- 20 Pygmy Nuthatch
- 5 House Wren: Adults brought food into a cavity in a ponderosa pine (at two feet above ground) in tree that is 50 yards south of the flagpole atop Genesee Mountain.

14 Western Bluebird: An adult male and an adult female fed young June 30. On July 2, we saw two juveniles nearby. The site is seven feet up in the Life Tree at the parking lot across from the group picnic area.

3 Hermit Thrush: Three individuals sang within a one-mile range of each

other at 11 a.m. One sang continuously before the field trip (from 6:45 until 7:30 a.m.), 200 yards north of flagpole. A good time to hear the thrush sing is in early morning and before sunset during the next few weeks.

- 5 American Robin
- 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)
- 3 Chipping Sparrow
- 1 Vesper Sparrow
- 7 Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)
- 1 Western Tanager
- 1 Black-headed Grosbeak
- 3 House Finch
- 3 Red Crossbill (two females and one male)
- 8 Pine Siskin
- 1 Lesser Goldfinch

- Kathanne Lynch

## MEMBERSHIP KENT SIMON

We thank the new and renewing EA local members for their support.

### New

- William Hawkins—Evergreen
- Marilyn Scherer—Golden
- Jean Thayer—Evergreen

### New Family

Cyncie Winter Chuck Aid—Evergreen

### Renewing

- Pat & Ben Carter—Evergreen
- Carol Chapman—Morrison
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- Joe Nystrom & Lindy Doty—Golden
- Peggy Durham—Evergreen
- Elizabeth & Jerry Emmer—Evergreen
- Dan & Beth Lincoln—Evergreen
- Kathanne Lynch—Golden
- Claudia Peterson—Evergreen
- Jan Schoonveld—Evergreen
- Barbara Sternberg—Evergreen

### Renewing Family

- Joan & Bill Ball—Evergreen
- Jeanne & Terrel Brown—Evergreen
- Sheila & Stanley Dunlavy—Evergreen
- Rachel & David Hutchison—Evergreen
- Ted & Jeannie Mann—Evergreen
- Bill & Louise Mounsey—Evergreen
- Loraine & Dick Yeatts—Golden

## FIELD TRIPS KAREL BUCKLEY

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to take home, see if we can find a meteorite, and learn about faults, plate tectonics and more!

This program will be geared toward elementary-age kids, but all are welcome. We will inform you of the location for the trip when you register.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 25. All ages, but geared to elementary-age kids.

### Recent Discoveries: The Dinosaurs of Dinosaur Ridge

**Evergreen Nature Center  
Sunday, Sept. 26, 1:30–2:30 pm**

The Dinosaurs of Dinosaur Ridge were Late Jurassic desert dwellers, Early Cretaceous beach bums and Late Cretaceous swamp things.

Recent discoveries include crocodile trackways and ornithopod tracks found at two sites in the Dakota Group and the rediscovery of the initial quarry opened in 1877 in the Morrison Formation by Arthur Lakes.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 25. Ages 5 and up.

# FIELD TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

KAREL BUCKLEY

## **Daytime Stargazing Mt. Evans Observatory**

**Thursday, Aug. 5, 10 am**

Yes, this is a daytime visit to the observatory; we are to meet University of Denver representatives on Mt. Evans. We hope for views of the moon, Jupiter and Saturn.

An unusual dual-aperture 28.5-inch, f/21 Ritchey-Chretien telescope has been installed in the DU extreme high-altitude observatory facility. Until late 2000, this was the highest observatory on earth.

For details and to sign up, please call Karel Buckley, 303-670-8859.

## **Bats of Evergreen Evergreen Nature Center**

**Saturday, Aug. 7, 7:30-9 pm**

Are bats blind? Do they try to get tangled in your hair?

Join Pam Little to discover how bats are like you. Play a bat game and make a bat craft. As it gets dark, we'll watch real bats over the lake.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size is limited to 10 kids ages 5 and up, with parents.

## **Stories of the Stars**

### **Grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse Friday, Aug. 13, 8 pm**

Led by Pam Little, participants will learn amazing and fun space facts while using a star chart and a star clock, hearing ancient star stories, and locating star shapes and planets in the night sky.

Venus, Mars and Saturn will be guests of honor. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or camp chairs.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Limited to 25 participants, ages 3 and up.

## **Busy Butterflies**

### **Evergreen Nature Center**

**Saturday, Aug. 14, 10 am-noon**

Butterflies are active here in the Front Range from April through August. Some show up before the snows have all disappeared, while others fly when the grasses are brown and dead looking.

The busy season is June and July. As winter loses its grip on the mountains, the butterflies show up higher and higher

in elevation until they fly at the highest peaks.

Be ready to listen and enjoy colorful, fluttering insects. Jan Chu will lead participants in a walk outside after the presentation.

Participants should wear good walking shoes; no open-toed sandals, please. Bring a hat, sunscreen and binoculars, if available.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 22. All ages.

## **Hummingbirds: Airborne Acrobats Evergreen Nature Center**

**Sunday, Aug. 15, 2-3:30 pm**

Learn about Colorado hummingbirds and the plants that attract them while gaining knowledge about the unique behaviors and acrobatic movements of these little birds.

Tina Jones helped compile the botany segment for a DVD, "Hummingbirds of North America," by John Vanderpoel and John Dunn. Her yard is an example of a wildlife habitat and is featured in two horticulture books.

Tina has had up to six species of hummingbirds in her yard, which is one block away from Denver County.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 20. Ages 13 and up.

## **Shorebirds on the Plains Northeast Colorado Reservoirs**

**Sunday, Aug. 29, 7 am**

Late August is peak time for shorebirds passing through Colorado. Join Brad Andres for a trip to reservoirs in northeast Colorado to observe this migration phenomenon and learn to identify this group of birds.

Meet at the Bergen Park Park 'n' Ride at 7 a.m. and plan on spending most of the day. Bring food, water, knee boots and spotting scopes. Contact Brad, 303-670-0101, to sign up.

## **Stories of the Stars**

### **Grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse Friday, Sept. 10, 7:15 pm**

Led by Pam Little, participants will learn amazing and fun space facts while using a star chart and a star clock, hearing ancient star stories, and locating star shapes

and planets in the night sky.

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## **Greening Your Home Makes Dollars and Sense**

### **Evergreen Nature Center**

**Saturday, Sept. 11, 9-11 am**

Step Ahead Energy Efficiency Consulting will help residents learn how to save money and energy through simple energy-efficient measures, including home energy audits, caulking, weather stripping and insulation.

The session will present information on what is included in a home energy audit, do-it-yourself audits, current rebates for weatherization improvements and more.

Bring your utility bills to complete an analysis that will show you where your energy dollars are being used in your house.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489. Class size: 20. All ages.

## **Fall Migrants Hike Lair o' the Bear Park**

**Saturday, Sept. 11, time TBA**

Fall migrants will be the focus of this hike led by Mike Foster, but some breeding birds and their young should still be around, as well as the usual suspects (year-round residents).

Those who want to may convene for lunch afterward in Kittredge.

Meet at the park, which is on Highway 74 between Morrison and Evergreen, just west of Idledale. Dress for the weather and bring snacks and water for a half-day trip. Call Mike, 303-456-2647, to sign up and to learn the meeting time (which will be determined by the weather).

## **Beginning Rock Hounds Evergreen Nature Center**

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 am-noon**

Hunt for rocks with geologist Jennifer Hood, make your own sedimentary rock

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 5	Daytime Stargazing	10 AM	Mt. Evans Observatory
Aug. 7	Bats of Evergreen	7:30–9 PM	Nature Center
Aug. 10	Family Movie Night	7:30 PM	Nature Center
Aug. 10	Newsletter deadline	5 PM	
Aug. 13	Stories of the Stars	8 PM	Evergreen Lakehouse
Aug. 14	Busy Butterflies	10 AM–NOON	Nature Center
Aug. 14	ENC open during Night Boating	8–10 PM	Evergreen Lake
Aug. 15	Hummingbirds: Airborne Acrobats	2–3:30 PM	Nature Center
Aug. 26	EA Board Meeting	7 PM	
Aug. 28	ENC open during Night Boating	8–10 PM	Evergreen Lake
Aug. 29	Shorebirds on the Plains	7 AM	BERGEN PARK PARK 'N' RIDE
Aug. 31	Bird House Bash	TBA	Evergreen Lakehouse
Sept. 2	Chapter Meeting	7 PM	Church of the Hills
Sept. 10	Stories of the Stars	7:15 PM	Evergreen Lakehouse
Sept. 11	Greening Your Home	9–11 AM	Nature Center
Sept. 11	Fall Migrants Hike	TBA	Lair o' the Bear Park
Sept. 23	EA Board Meeting	7 PM	
Sept. 25	Beginning Rock Hounds	10 AM–NOON	Nature Center
Sept. 26	Dinosaurs of Dinosaur Ridge	1:30–2:30 PM	Nature Center

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