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## BATS TAKE OVER BIRD HOUSE BASH IN SEPTEMBER

Save this date—Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.—for Evergreen Audubon’s annual fundraiser to benefit Evergreen Nature Center.

This year’s unique event celebrates five successful seasons for the Nature Center as well as Bat Conservation International’s declaration of 2012 as the “Year of the Bat.”

Come for fun, great food, congenial company and a little conservation education about bats as we all gather to support the continued growth of Evergreen Nature Center’s educational programs and outreach.

To date, more than 10,000 visitors annually enjoy ENC’s evolving exhibits and hands-on activities.

With your support, ENC has plans to expand the opportunities it offers for children and adults to connect with nature.

Watch for your invitation in the mail in August.

The Bat House Bash planning committee is seeking volunteers, sponsorships (\$250), auction items and ideas (batty or otherwise).

Please contact Ginny Ades at [development@evergreenaudubon.org](mailto:development@evergreenaudubon.org).

## Annual Picnic July 21 at Dedisse Park

Evergreen Audubon will hold its Annual Picnic at Dedisse Park, Site 1, on Saturday, July 21.

### Schedule of Activities

4–5 p.m.	Social hour, appetizers
5–6 p.m.	Potluck supper
6–7 p.m.	Announcements & Entertainment
7 p.m.–?	Clean up

The club will furnish non-alcoholic beverages and the main course, barbecued chicken and beef. Please bring a potluck dish or beverage to serve 10 people.

The following alphabetical last-name list will determine what you should bring:

A–F	3.2 beer (no glass containers)
G–L	salad or vegetable
M–R	dessert
S–Z	appetizer

We ask for a \$6 contribution per per-

son to cover the cost of the food. The only non-alcoholic beverage allowed by Denver Mountain Parks is 3.2 beer; DMP also does not allow glass containers.

Note: In accordance with our recycling ethic, please bring your own reusable utensils, plates and beverage cups, and plan to take them home after the picnic.

You may wish to bring a lawn chair; some picnic benches will be available if you are quick.

Janet Warner, 303-674-1636, and Barbara Klaus, 303-674-1102, are coordinating the event.

RSVP to Janet Warner, 303-674-1636, or Barbara Klaus, [bdklaus@comcast.net](mailto:bdklaus@comcast.net), by Sunday, July 15, with the number coming, your phone number and your preference for helping with setup or cleanup. Please notify us if you must cancel.

- Barbara Klaus



*Bees were busy pollinating Golden Banner, left, and Blue Flax when photographer Marilyn Rhodes visited Alderfer/Three Sisters Open Space Park in mid-June. See Field Trips and Programs on page 7 to sign up for a July 15 Wildflower Walk at Flying J Open Space Park.*

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7 p.m., Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road, Evergreen

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** BRAD ANDRES

Summer is now in full swing, and I hope you are out enjoying the Colorado outdoors and the return of all our breeding birds.

By the time you read this, there will still be time to get out and experience our breeding birds through the Bear Creek Watershed Breeding Bird Atlas or the Alderfer/Three Sisters and Elk Meadow nest box monitoring.

It's hard to imagine that southbound shorebird migrants will be showing up on the eastern plains by the Fourth of July!

Recall that Evergreen Nature Center is now open until 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, so drop by on an evening stroll around the lake or sign up to cover one of these Visitor Assistant slots. Check our website for upcoming programs.

Also if you stop by, you may get to meet Natalie Wehrwein, who is working as an intern at Evergreen Nature Center for the summer.

Below I am sharing an email from Ken Strom, director of Audubon Colorado, which describes the Colorado Chapters' Lobbyist Program and offers a brief synopsis of the accomplishments of the last legislative session by Jen Boulton, who has worked as Colorado Audubon's lobbyist for the last few years.

From Ken: "The Colorado Chapters' Lobbyist Program is unique in Audubon and sets a standard for grassroots conservation action that's envied and admired by Audubon states and chapters all across the nation.

"It began some 30 years ago, when the chapters had organized themselves as the Colorado Audubon Council, and you realized that the only way to guarantee a strong voice for conservation in Colorado was to band together and fund a full-time Audubon representative at the state capitol, with each region of the state providing its fair share of the cost of this effort through your chapter memberships.

"The chapters voluntarily committed to pay an annual fee of \$2.00 per member, and the solidarity has never wavered. Since the amount/member has never increased, the state office picks up the amount of Jen's fees that isn't fully covered today by the chapters' contributions.

"But the state program does not have dedicated funding for the lobbying work, and fortunately the majority of lobbyist's contract is still covered by the chapters through the fee that you had set for yourselves so many years ago. She works for you and she knows it and is proud of it.

"Thanks to Jen's skills, the active support of the chapters, all the calls to legislators from your members, the help of our allies in the capitol—and a little luck—Jen is able to report that, 'We successfully stopped or fixed EVERY bad bill, including two attacks on lottery funding and nine (yes, nine) different attempts to roll back environmental regulation. On the positive side, we were able to ensure continuation of the non-game tax check-off program and help institute a pilot program for recycling electronic waste.'

"This is an incredible record of achievement for the Audubon chapters and for conservation in Colorado, especially considering what we anticipated at the beginning of this session. Because of the very challenging financial and political climate in the state for the past few years, we thought there was little chance of accomplishing anything positive this year, and we knew we would be playing defense over and over again, with almost no chance of winning every battle.

"For example: with legislators looking everywhere for funds to plug holes in the budget, we knew there would be powerful efforts to divert GOCO/lottery funds from conservation to other programs. But both such efforts this year were defeated—incredibly—and a big part of this success for the conservation community was the strong showing of citizen testi-

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# Summer intern wades into Nature Center position

Myers-Briggs, Eysenck and others have developed questionnaires and involved tests to categorize personality and perspective, but Natalie Wehrwein has given me an idea to simplify the process.

Watching our 2012 ENC Naturalist Intern roll up and wade in to catch crawdads, minnows, fish, tadpoles, boatmen and other aquatic creatures reveals perhaps one of the simplest dichotomies of people—those who dig in to discover and those who prefer the role of onlooker.

Many of the characteristics related to the two are likely innate, but what if some children are unclassified “stem cells,” yet unsure of which societal role to fill and Natalie’s friendly enthusiasm inspires another digger? If anyone can do it, she can.

Natalie grew up enjoying Chicago-area nature centers with her family. She shares stories of her first hands-on nature experiences with genuine nostalgia and readily connects those opportunities to her professional desire to enthuse *in* nature.

Natalie will enter her fourth and final year at Colorado State University this fall, and undoubtedly counts field classes as the highlight of her pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in Natural Resource Management thus far.

Rocky, Natalie’s botany and dendrology professor at the CSU outdoor lab Pingree Park, bragged about her consistent good nature and dedication, which certainly seems related to how much fun she has.

In fact, “fun” is one of three words Natalie used to describe her life perspec-



*New Evergreen Nature Center summer intern Natalie Wehrwein jumps into her new position with both feet. Photo by Vanessa Hayes*

tive. Combine that with her clear desire to *learn* and be *optimistic*, the other two terms she chose, and I believe you have a perfect match for ENC.

Natalie also likened herself to a sea otter because of its playful nature, but otters are known for their resourcefulness and determination too—critical traits for a Chicago-born Cubs and Bears fan. And critical traits for an environmental educator too, I believe.

I could relate precisely the recom-

mendation Natalie received from the highly competitive Pulliam scholars environmental education program at CSU, in which she leads and develops elementary programming, but just like her I believe learning is better first-hand.

If you haven’t had the chance to meet Natalie, I encourage you to visit the Evergreen Nature Center soon—we are only lucky enough to have her until Aug. 5.

- Vanessa Hayes

## NATURE CENTER KIDS PROGRAMS

Call Evergreen Nature Center, 303-330-0489, to register.

**Wednesday Wild Ones: Growing Up Fox!**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 10–11 a.m.**

**Evergreen Nature Center**

(Moved to July 11 because of July 4)

As summer heats up, fox kits are playing to learn, just like your wild ones.

Discover together the foxy tricks and

traits of the social red and quiet gray.  
Ages: 2–5 with adult.

**Evergreen Nuthatches:  
Grasshopper or Cricket?**  
**Saturday, July 14, 9–10:30 a.m.**

**Evergreen Nature Center**

Can you tell the difference? Explore the distinctions and learn more about the physical feats of these incredibly impor-

tant insects as we wander near the nature center. Ages: 10-plus.

**Bear Creek Dippers: Crawfish Catch**  
**Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.–noon**  
**Evergreen Nature Center**

Western Crawfish are crawling all over the bottom of Evergreen Lake, right up to the shore. We’ll dip into lakeside adventure to learn more about the lives of these crustaceous creatures. Ages: 6–10 with adult.



## June was bustin' out all over!

Sherman Wing was at Red Rocks May 17 and heard **Lazuli Buntings** singing near the Morrison Slide trail, **Bullock's Oriole** in the trees near Entrance One's road and the Red Rocks Trail; also in the draw, a **Yellow-breasted Chat** singing, **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** and lots of singing **Spotted Towhees**.

Bob Santangelo and I went to Red Rocks June 10 and I stopped there again on June 12 to observe the **Prairie Falcon** family. The falcon pair has four chicks, a big brood, and they are about to fledge.

Each day I got to see all six birds—the two adults and four chicks. They have nested on the face of Park Cave Rock, which is accessible from Entrance Three off Highway 74. Take the first right turn after the chapel.

The male adult falcon often perches atop Frog Rock, which faces Park Cave Rock. The nest is on the left side of the face of Park Cave Rock and about a third to halfway down. Pics of the chicks are in the Gallery.

In addition to what Sherman saw in May, on my June trips to Red Rocks I've seen **White-throated Swifts**, **Say's Phoebes**, **Cliff Swallows**, **Canyon Wrens** and **Yellow Warblers**.

I stopped by Red Rocks on the way home Saturday, June 16, and confirmed not four but FIVE Prairie Falcon chicks on Park Cave Rock. Birding doesn't get much better than this, folks.

### *Genesee Park—glorious with wild flowers and baby birds*

I joined the Tuesday Birders to explore Genesee Park June 12. It was good to have Karel Buckley back in the field with the group that day. Wildflowers were gorgeous and abundant on the Genesee Braile Trail.

I observed lots of nesting activity again at Genesee Park June 16. I saw more **Williamson's Sapsuckers** than I've seen in my ENTIRE life—all feeding young. Many, many “apartment” trees in the park are full of **Violet-green**



*Yellow-breasted Chat. They are popping up all over in Red Rocks Park. Photo by Alistair Montgomery*

**Swallows**, **Western Bluebirds**, **Williamson's Sapsuckers**, **House Wrens**, **Pygmy Nuthatches** and **White-breasted Nuthatches**.

I also found a **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** on the nest. See pics in the Gallery. **Cordilleran Flycatchers**, **Red Crossbills** and a **Western Tanager** were in the park along with the usual suspects.

### *Alderfer/Three Sisters*

Fabulous Wild Iris and Golden Banner filled the meadows at Alderfer in late May and early June. I posted several wildflower pics in the Gallery this month. I hope I properly classified and identified them. Flower experts, please let me know . . .

### *Birch Hill*

Sherman spent a cold, very wet day at Birch Hill Park May 19. His best birds were **Williamson's Sapsucker**, **Ham-**

**mond's Flycatcher**, **Warbling Vireo** and a **Hermit's Thrush**.

### *Mount Falcon*

On May 24, Sherman saw a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** (male) at Mt. Falcon Park, Morrison side, on a large snag, about 50 yards southeast of the city of Morrison water reservoir.

### *Bear Creek Lake Park*

Thanks to birding bud Susan Harper, Sherman Wing enjoyed **Indigo Buntings** May 28 at Bear Creek Lake Park. He posted, “Susan Harper told me exactly where she found Indigo Buntings last Friday, and her directions were perfect. Indigo Buntings (picture posted in Gallery) are near the parking area at Muskrat Meadows at Bear Creek Lake Park.”

### *Prospect Park*

On June 11, JoAnn and Bill Hackos

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had a special treat at Prospect Park in Wheat Ridge off 44th Street. They saw an **Ash-throated Flycatcher**. It was in the brush by the large Cormorant lake. Unusual for the Front Range.

### **Squaw Pass Road**

Bill and JoAnn drove up to the picnic areas on Squaw Pass Road on Friday morning, June 15. Several great birds were already there and singing: **Clark's Nutcracker, Pine Grosbeak, Hermit Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, Three-toed Woodpecker, Yellow-rumped Warbler**. At Echo Lake: **Wilson's Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, Broad-tailed Hummingbirds**.

### **Yard Birds**

- On May 16, David Walker had a male **Lazuli Bunting** and a male **White-crowned Sparrow** in his yard in Indian Hills. Sherman had a **Black-headed Grosbeak** at his feeders in Indian Hills the evening of May 21.

- An elated Susan Harper posted this May 23: "Dear Fellow Birders, This has got to be my most exciting backyard species ever! One male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** stayed last weekend, Sunday-Monday and it was pure joy the entire time watching him flying and singing around our property.

"He hung out everywhere—in the ponderosa, aspen, narrow-leaf cottonwood, chokecherry, and on the ground under the feeders. Last I saw of him was Monday evening, heading north from my place over the golf course heading toward Evergreen Lake—maybe Dedisse . . . Showed up the morning after a rainy and misty Saturday so perhaps he got off track. He was singing off and on and definitely stood out among other birdsongs. Looked a bit mottled on the head—perhaps a first-year adult?

"What's really exciting to realize is that "habitat enhancement" really works! Over the past 20 years Mark has planted many additional trees and shrubs and on the same day the RBGB showed up, I recorded 24 different species of birds total



*Female, left, and male Williamson's Sapsuckers were numerous in Genesee Park on June 16. Photos by Marilyn Rhodes*

on my small lot. A week earlier, a Blue Jay (Eastern form) came by looking for fresh bluebird eggs for breakfast. Luckily, he didn't get any.

Enjoy Susan's pics in the Gallery!

- On May 27, I reported that the **Pygmy Nuthatches** nesting in my Hiwan Hills nestcam nestbox have at least five hatchlings! Their bills are developing and they have little "clown" faces right now.

- On May 30, David Walker had visits at his feeder in Indian Hills from a **Lesser Goldfinch** and **Lazuli Bunting**. Over recent weeks, David has observed unusual behavior from crows checking under feeders, up to four or five at a time calling and displaying. There appears to be a rookery south of his home over the ridge.

- On June 3, Sherman reported that a **Common Nighthawk** landed in a ponderosa, about 50 feet up on a limb near his deck in Indian Hills. The next

morning he heard a strange loud call, and verified it as the call of the Common Nighthawk.

- My nestcam update, June 17: Approximately eight Pygmy Nuthatches fledged June 10 and 11, about one week earlier than usual. A combination of juveniles and adults return to the nest box to roost nightly.

- **Violet-green Swallows** are nesting in one of my boxes again. Started nest building June 3, again, about a week early. Laid the first egg June 14 and one daily after that. Currently four eggs in the nest. **Mountain Chickadees** just fledged from their nest cavity in one of my aspen trees. **House Wrens** are feeding chicks in a bluebird box just off the driveway. **Lesser Goldfinch** also have returned to my feeders.

### **CFO Convention**

I returned from the CFO Conven-

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mony in the committee hearings on these bills and the effective behind-the-scenes lobbying by your lobbyist Jen.

"As usual in recent years, Audubon produced the biggest contingent of citizens who testified at the hearings, thanks to the commitment of our chapter members who always show up when their voice is needed.

"At one hearing on a proposal to divert lottery funds to veterans programs, two members of the conservation community were able to speak as veterans and provide credible testimony that they weren't opposed to veterans concerns but that this also wasn't the right solution.

"Bill Miller (President of Fort Collins Audubon) and I testified as Vietnam veterans in opposition to the resolution before the committee. Bill led off the hearing with the most powerful and moving testimony of the day, which established the credibility and legitimacy of everyone who testified on the conservation side for the remainder of the afternoon.

"Everyone who heard Bill speak as an Audubon leader will tell you how impressed they were by what he said and how he said it. We have amazingly talented and committed people who make up our chapter memberships, and they are the best advocates for Colorado's birds and wildlife in our state.

"Jen is also an effective representative of your interests. I have been told over and over again by legislators and lobbyists on both sides of the issues we care about that Jen is by far the most effective lobbyist working in the Colorado State Capitol.

"She is at work for you in the capitol every day that the state assembly is in session, moving through the halls and committee rooms from early to late, meeting again and again with the key legislators, making a convincing case for why Audubon's view of each issue is the right one and needs to be supported by their votes.

"Because the information that Jen brings to legislators is always honest and factually correct, the legislators have developed enormous respect for Jen and for Audubon. They recognize that Audubon chapters and members are a powerful

## Stop by King Soopers July 14 to talk to weed experts

The Pulling for Colorado campaign is a statewide effort to provide invasive weed awareness, education and action. In conjunction with Pulling for Colorado (P4C), the Community Weed Awareness Campaign will host a noxious weed education table at the Bergen Park King Soopers on Saturday, July 14.

Plan to stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to talk to our weed experts and see a display of local weeds. You can also bring plants in for identification and control information.

For more information on all the statewide events, go to [www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org), and for local information, go to [www.evergreenaudubon.org](http://www.evergreenaudubon.org).

- Cathy Shelton

force in this state and need to be respected and listened to.

"Even the folks who don't agree with us have grudging respect for our positions on issues and for the powerful voice that the Audubon chapters can bring to the capitol, through their lobbyist and their members. You need to know that you are getting much more than your money's worth when you make your contribution to the chapter lobbyist fees.

"Thank you again for your own continuing support of the Chapter Lobbyist Program in Colorado. Through your share of the necessary funding that keeps it alive, you have accomplished great things over the years.

"Your investment in this program produces outcomes through legislation passed or thwarted that is directly measurable in acres of habitat preserved, wildlife species protected, conservation education programs funded, or threats to birds reduced or eliminated.

"This effort, that has accomplished so much for conservation in Colorado, was initiated by the Chapters, has been sustained by the Chapters, and needs to be embraced by all the Chapters long into the future."

If anyone would like to receive Jen's final Legislative Report for the latest session, which summarizes the outcomes for all of the pieces of legislation that the Audubon Chapters were concerned about, please contact me or Dick Prickett.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

### BIRDING CLASSES WITH MIKE FOSTER THIS FALL

Both classes include handouts sent well before the first class, so early enrollment is an advantage. Please enroll by early August.

To receive information on enrolling, or for other information, contact Mike at [mike1.foster@comcast.net](mailto:mike1.foster@comcast.net).

**Four-session Option.** Cost \$40.

*Class Schedule:* Mondays, 6–8 p.m., Sept. 10 & 24

*Location:* Church of the Hills

28628 Buffalo Park Road, Evergreen 80439

*Field Trips:* Saturdays, Sept. 15 & 29

**Eight-session Option.** Cost \$70.

*Class Schedule:* Tuesdays: 6–8 p.m., Sept. 4, 18 & Oct. 2, 16

*Location:* Jefferson Unitarian Church  
14350 W. 32nd Ave., Golden 80401

*Field trips:* Saturdays, Sept. 8, 22 & Oct. 6, 20



## FIELD TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

### Stargazing at Evergreen Lake Lawn in front of Lake House Friday, July 13, 8:45–10 p.m. Pam Little

Join amateur astronomer Pam Little for a tour of the current night sky.

Listen to ancient star stories and learn to use a star chart. Make a star clock like the ones ancient travelers and sailors used.

Dress warmly, bring blankets and chairs for your comfort—telescopes and

binoculars if you have them. Telescopes will be available to share.

For families. Maximum class size: 25. Call 303-330-0489 to register.

## July events for ENC volunteers

### Mammals of Bear Creek Watershed Sunday July 8, 9-11 a.m.

Join Heather Johnson and Brad Andres for a fun morning of learning about our wild neighbors.

### Family Volunteer Night Thursday July 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. A night of fun, games and learning

about becoming Family Visitor Assistants!

### Movie Night! Ants: Nature's Secret Power Wednesday, July 25, 6:30-8 p.m.

Come be "transported to the world of ants" by this world-famous documentary and enjoy time with other ENC volunteers and Evergreen Audubon members.

### Wildflower Walk

### Flying J Ranch Open Space Park Sunday, July 15, noon–2 p.m.

Local naturalist extraordinaire Pam Little is eager to show off the beauty and variety of wildflowers in the Colorado Front Range.

Learn historical uses of native plants by the settlers, Native Americans and wildlife.

Join her to discover what's in bloom! A handout will be provided.

For ages 10 and up. Maximum class size: 20. Call 303-330-0489 to register.

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tion in Trinidad May 21. I saw wonderful birds and behaviors—**Hepatic Tanagers**, **Long-billed Curlews**, a half-dozen or more **Lewis's Woodpeckers**, zillions of **Cliff Swallows** gathering mud and building nests under a bridge, a horde of **Cedar Waxwings** eating juniper berries, **Wild Turkeys** doing a courtship dance circling and circling, **Yellow-throated Vireo** and **Plumbeous Vireo**, dozens of **Black-headed Grosbeaks**, **Blue Grosbeaks**, **Virginia's Warblers**, **Ash-throated Flycatchers**, **Green-tailed and Spotted Towhees**, **Eastern** and **Black Phoebes**.

The convention planners arranged for private tours of several huge ranches in the area, including a 500,000-acre spread owned by Ted Turner called Vermejo Park Ranch.

We got to see a gigantic male Black Bear ambling through a meadow there, many Pronghorn and Bison, too. Saw JoAnn and Bill Hackos, Fran Enright and Kay Niyo at the convention. Birders are so much fun to hang out with.

### Helpful Birding tools

Barbara Jean Gard and I compared

notes recently. She and I have lengthy out-of-state and -country trips planned for this year.

One tool I've used when leaving Colorado is <http://birdingonthe.net/>. The site will lead you to state and country sites similar to our cobirds.org site, where you can find local sightings posted by state residents.

You also can subscribe to various sites through the ABA's link at [www.aba.org/resources/maillinglists.html](http://www.aba.org/resources/maillinglists.html). I follow Oklahoma and Arkansas, two states I frequently visit, as well as Colorado.

When preparing for recent trips to



*Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Photo by Susan Harper*

California, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, I checked their sites prior to my trips. It's a great way to find out about local sightings and connect with local birders.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8	Volunteer Nature Training	9–11 am	Nature Center
July 10	Newsletter deadline	5 pm	
July 11	Wednesday Wild Ones	10–11 am	Nature Center
July 12	Family Volunteer Night	6:30–8:30 pm	Nature Center
July 13	Stargazing	8:45–10 pm	Evergreen Lake House lawn
July 14	Evergreen Nuthatches	9–10:30 am	Nature Center
July 14	Pulling for Colorado	10 am–2 pm	Bergen Park King Soopers
July 15	Wildflower Walk	Noon–2 pm	Flying J Open Space Park
July 21	Annual Picnic	4 pm	Dedisse Park, Site 1
July 21	Bear Creek Dippers	10 am–noon	Nature Center
July 25	Volunteers Movie Night	6:30–8 pm	Nature Center
July 26	EA Board Meeting	6 pm	Church of the Hills

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## Evergreen Audubon Local Membership Application

I/we would like to join the Evergreen Audubon. I/we may participate in all chapter activities, receive *The Dipper* newsletter electronically, and vote (two Family members may vote) on chapter issues. Dues remain locally.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

	Individual	Family	Student
Annual dues	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 10
Electronic <i>Dipper</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Hard-copy <i>Dipper</i>	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Additional donation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family member(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(must include for electronic *Dipper*)

Enclosed is my check payable to: **Evergreen Audubon, P.O. Box 523, Evergreen, CO 80437.**

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