

# The dipper o

Published monthly by The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society, Inc. Member of National Audubon Society

Volume 37 Number 5 June 2007

Editor: Margaret McDole Assistant Editor: Mark Meremonte

### Last-minute: Trails Use Forum

The Trails Use Task Force will sponsor a forum on Monday, May 14, 6:30-8 p.m. at Jefferson County Open Space, Ponderosa Room, 700 Jefferson County Parkway #100, Golden.

For more information, contact Dru Dunham, 303-384-3727, DruDunham@msn.com, or Adam Feerst, 303-870-0487, runuphill racing@yahoo.com.

### Picnic Needs Coordinator

The annual TENAS picnic will be held Saturday, July 21. If you have enjoyed the picnic in the past, please consider volunteering to be the picnic coordinator. Lots of other people will help, guaranteed.

Anyone who is interested in being coordinator should call Peggy Durham at 303-674-8648. Call now!

### **Meeting Place**

Beginning in August, we will probably meet in a different building for the chapter meetings for a few months, due to the reconstruction of the Recreation Center.

Check the Dipper and our website for the location. Or call Peggy at 303-674-8648 if you are unsure.

# **Special Bluebird Program**

Kevin Corwin of the Colorado Bluebird Project will be giving a special presentation at the June TENAS meeting about bluebird life history and how to care for nest boxes.

He is going to give a multimedia show, including information on the life history of bluebirds.

He will show a special video-cam of the actual nesting cycle of a bluebird. He'll also show a PowerPoint presentation about his expertise in setting up a bluebird trail,



Bluebirds are the stars of the June program. Photo by "Bluebird" Bob Wilson

and how to best care for your bluebird nest boxes if you want to be successful year after year.

A little background on Kevin: In addition to working on the Colorado Bluebird Project, Kevin was a senior docent with the Raptor Education Foundation for 18 years and spent 10 years volunteering in Roxborough State Park as a naturalist.

He also has assisted with many surveys, including Breeding Bird Surveys, Wintering

Raptor Surveys and Colorado Spider Surveys. He is very active in the community and generously volunteers to assist with a wide variety of projects.

If you have nest boxes in your yard, whether for bluebirds or other bird species, this is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about the care and maintenance of your bird boxes and hear from an expert about his experiences.

Please come and join us for this dynamic program. It will take place Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center, 5300 S. Olive Rd., behind Evergreen High School. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow the program.

# Earth Day Fair a Success

Once again, TENAS volunteers eagerly came out to assist with our booth activities at the Mountain Area Environmental Earth Day Fair. It took 11 folks to ensure a successful TENAS booth.

Mark and Susan Harper set up the booth; Cindy Miller designed and updated our interesting and educational TENAS display for the second year in a row. Irma Wolf, Craig Wibirt, Heather Johnson, Susan Harper and Peggy Durham manned the booth, spending a great deal of time explaining our goals, projects and activities.

In addition, we placed 150 bird tattoos on excited local children—giving us a chance to talk to these kids about birds—even if only for a few minutes.

Continued on Page 5



## President's Message

#### The Price of Success

President

Webmaster

My daughter and granddaughter visited recently from New Hampshire. To entertain them, I took them on nature walks as often as possible.

Our first target was Beaver Brook Watershed, which is my absolute favorite place to hike. I wanted to show them the extensive tract of land that had been bought for open space though we covered only a small portion of it.

As we drove along Highway 103, we noticed the many bluebird boxes on posts by the road. Almost every box had a bluebird or two on or near it.

Another day we trudged around Elk Meadow, out to the old dilapidated barn. I noticed an old bluebird box on the barn and thought it was a relic since it appeared to be about the same vintage. Then, to our delight, we spotted a pair of bluebirds on the barn watching us.

All the effort that went into constructing and selling the

Peggy Durham

2007 Officers

303-674-8648

Fresident	reggy Durnam	303-074-0040
Vice President	Brad Andres	303-670-0101
Secretary	Carolyn Fraker	303-679-2799
Assistant Secretary	Kay Niyo	303-679-6646
Treasurer	Walt Phillips	303-674-7744
	•	
l E	Board of Directors	
Dave Balogh	303-679-2799	
Ginny Boschen	303-674-3438	
Jeff Geiger	303-674-4595	
Sylvia Robertson	303-674-1715	
David Wald	303-674-0417	
Bud Weare	303-679-8889	
	Committee Chairs	
Audubon Colo. Rep.	Dave Balogh	303-679-2799
Bird Business	Bill Brockner	303-674-4851
Birds in Balance	Kent Simon	303-674-3017
	ksimonbib@earthlink.net	
Conservation	Brad Andres	303-670-0101
Dipper Editor	Margaret McDole	303-679-1779
	mem2@earthlink.net	
Education	Dave Balogh	303-679-2799
Field Trips	Mike Foster	303-456-2647
	Mike1.foster@comcast.net	
Hospitality	Jane Conrad	303-674-5133
Land Acquisition	Polly Phillips	303-674-7744
Membership	Kent Simon	303-674-3017
	ksimonbib@earthlink.net	
Program	Heather Johnson	303-670-0101
Publicity	Barbara Klaus	303-674-1102
Way & Means	Irma Wolfe	303-670-3402
	irmasonny@aol.com	
Weeds	Cathy Shelton	303-674-8610

sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com

Natasha Currlin Japp

jappnc@terra.com.br

bluebird nesting boxes was worth it when you see the bluebirds using them. As land development increases and trees with cavities disappear, the availability of these boxes becomes more important if we want to keep our bluebird population.

Our sales this year were very brisk. In fact, we essentially sold out. I held back a couple of boxes for our Earth Day booth and display purposes.

Last week I got a call from a woman who had missed the sale and needed another box. I asked if she would be satisfied with my own barely used box I had recently installed in my yard. (I do not have a good site for bluebirds on my property but can't resist trying to entice them.)

I drove the box over to her and when I saw the meadow around her home, I knew the box was in the right place.

#### El Pinal/Stagecoach Park

I met with Pat Callahan of the Evergreen Park and Recreation District at Stagecoach Park recently to see which trees would be saved during the construction of the ball fields. I had seen bluebirds there and wanted to put up a box.

Pat was very helpful and informative, explaining plans for the two ball fields and parking areas to me and Bill Sperry. Pat said he will do his best to save as many trees as possible though the plan calls for extensive grading over the whole area

Let's hope the bluebirds can coexist with young ball players; they do with golfers at Evergreen Lake.

- Peggy Durham



• To **Susan Harper** for once again coordinating the very successful Earth Day booth, which was busy all the time. The bird tattoos were the most popular item, but people were especially interested in weed information and the bird nesting boxes.

Thanks also to the worker bees—Mark Harper, Irma Wolf, Peggy Durham, Craig Wibirt, Brad Andres, Heather Johnson, Bob Santangelo, Cindy Miller and Dave Balogh—for staffing the booth. This setting gave us a wonderful opportunity to talk with the public about what we do and stand for.

• To **Sylvia Brockner** and **Karel Buckley** for taking charge of Dawn Chorus. Despite or because of the 8 inches of fresh snow, Sylvia reports that the morning glow was the most beautiful she had ever seen at the lake.

And thanks to all the people who provided delicious refreshments for the stalwarts who braved the weather to count the birds. And our appreciation to the **Lake House staff** for allowing us to use the Octagon Room to warm up.



# Sage-Grouse Monitoring Rendezvous

Please mark your calendar and plan to join Audubon members from all around the state for a brand new event: the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (GUSG) Monitoring Rendezvous. This event will coincide with the fourth annual State Rendezvous.

All chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend. The gathering will take place from Thursday, June 21, through Monday, June 25, but individuals may join us for any combination of days that fits into their schedules.

Audubon volunteers will gather in Gunnison to work with federal biologists and faculty from Western State College to help monitor the condition of BLM riparian habitats that are used by sagegrouse during the early summer. This is an exciting opportunity to make a serious on-the-ground contribution to conservation in Colorado.

The idea for the Monitoring Rendezvous grew out of the GUSG Chapter Collaborative Project. The BLM staff

## Gunnison Rendezvous Logistics

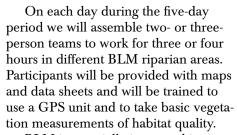
Audubon Colorado has blocked off rooms at the Quality Inn Wednesday, June 20, through Sunday, June 24. Rooms are \$65 a night; tell the reservation agent you are with the Audubon group.

The address is 400 E. Tomichi Ave in Gunnison and the phone number is 970-641-1237. If no rooms are available, we recommend the Gunnison Inn adjacent to the Quality Inn. Rooms there are also \$65. The phone number is 866-641-0700.

In addition to public campgrounds on National Forest Land, we recommend the Gunnison KOA located at 105 County Road 50 in Gunnison. The campground is south of the airport and the phone number is 970-641-1248.

needs to maintain healthy habitats on public lands in the Gunnison Basin, which is a Globally Important Bird Area for the largest population of Gunnison Sage-Grouse.

It is difficult for BLM biologists to thoroughly cover all of the land, and they are welcoming our offer to help them in this important work.



BLM is especially interested in our observations of birds and other wildlife and in our comments—as birders—on the general condition of the land as habitat for sage-grouse and other birds.

Participants who have digital cameras will be encouraged to make photo documentation of the habitats. And since this is the period of brood-rearing, there's always the possibility that you may see a grouse hen and her chicks. This will be a truly unique and rewarding wildlife experience.

Beginning on Friday evening during the period of the Monitoring Rendezvous, Audubon Colorado also will kick off its fourth annual State Rendezvous in Gunnison with a reception and speakers on the Western State campus.

During the day on Saturday, the monitoring activities will continue. Then on Saturday afternoon and evening we will round out the State Rendezvous with special presentations and opportunities for discussion among chapter



members from around the state.

Throughout the two-day State Rendezvous and the overlapping five-day Monitoring Rendezvous, we also will provide plenty of opportunities for bird watching in the Gunnison area.

Evening programs on sage-grouse, related habitat issues, the local ranching community and other topics of interest to Audubon members will be presented throughout the Rendezvous.

While we are giving participants the opportunity to be in the field for up to five days, we want to make it clear that the amount of field study you do is completely optional. Just one day in the field will bring enormous benefits.

And if field study is not an option for you, we still hope you will join us for the State Rendezvous activities and any of the evening programs and bird walks.

Check the website auduboncolorado. org for details about speakers and programs, as well as registration forms and lodging information as it becomes available.

Think about planning a family vacation around the Rendezvous this year. It's going to be a lot of fun for all. Call 303-415-0130 or e-mail Audubon Colorado (rstromp@audubon.org) for more information.

- Richard Stromp, Audubon Colorado



## **Bird Business**

This past winter was one for the record books and the month of April followed the winter pattern. Old-timers can't recall a worse winter in many years. Avian migration was impacted by stormy weather. Amazingly, hummingbirds arrived by April 15!

A Chipping Sparrow showed up in our yard on March 31. A Wild Turkey came to Betty Minges' yard in Genesee on April 5. Wild Turkeys are continuing to increase in the Genesee area.

On April 7 and 8, Kay Niyo hosted a Red-naped Sapsucker at her feeders on Bear Mountain. On the 8th, Sherman Wing found one in Mount Falcon Park.

Dave Balogh sighted a Band-tailed Pigeon in his yard on April 7. More should be showing up soon.

Evergreen Lake has been an interesting area this spring. Loie Evans and Warren Roske have had almost daily sightings of visitors on the lake. On April 8 Loie found two handsome Canvasbacks.

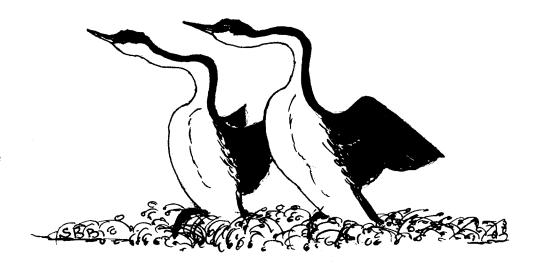
Two beautiful Ospreys flew over the Lake on April 10; they were lucky fishermen so they stayed for over a week. The first Tree Swallows were seen by Loie on April 9. On the same day Sue Roux had a Western Meadowlark near her house on Upper Bear Creek.

Surprisingly, the first Broad-tailed Hummingbird was found on the Old Squaw Pass Road by Mr. and Mrs. Clark on April 15. They were discovered in many areas the rest of the month.

A delight were six Western Grebes viewed by Loie Evans on the lake on April 17. Some stayed for over two weeks.

Sherman Wing zeroed in on a Say's Phoebe in Buchanan Park on April 18. It no doubt was migrating through this area.

Checking telephone poles pays off. Mike Krieger found a female Williamson's Sapsucker on a pole near Bailey. Watch for nesting, Mike! Over near



## Dancing western grebes Spring migrants on Evergreen Lake

Conifer, Else Van Erp studied a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on April 20.

Near Evergreen Lake Loie Evans watched a White-crowned Sparrow on April 23. It was on its way to Echo Lake to nest. Also, a Brown-headed Cowbird was in the same area.

Great to see were 11 American Pipits found by Sherman Wing on April 23 at Elk Meadow Park. Pipits nest around Summit Lake near Mt. Evans.

Back at the lake area, Loie Evans welcomed a Green-tailed Towhee on April 27. Watch for it nesting around Evergreen. To end the month successfully, Loie heard a Sora rail while checking off birds on the boardwalk on the last day of the month.

If you want to see flocks of Evening Grosbeaks, visit Dick Williams. On April 6 he had a flock of 40 at his feeders!

Helen Swem spent the month birding in Portal, Ariz. She had a great time watching birds from a chair. Art and Trudy Morse vacationed in Green Valley, Ariz. They counted 58 species of birds and enjoyed watching the Greater Roadrunners.

May is the month of greatest bird activity in our area. Northward migration hits its peak around May 20. Spring migration is finished by June 10. Enjoy every minute of this remarkable period.

- Bill Brockner



Local & Independent

"Helping to create wild bird habitat."

on any regularly priced items.

Not to be combined with other offers.

303.679.2786

Located at 32156 Castle Ct. #111 Evergreen (across from Fire Station #2)



# Earth Day Fair a Success

#### Continued from Page 1

Craig Wibirt worked hard rolling up and handing out free International Bird Day posters, compliments of Stephanie Jones with USFWS. In fact, Craig worked so hard he stayed an extra hour and refused to take any breaks.

Eventually, I had to insist that he leave and get some lunch! (He claimed he was having way too much fun!)

Bob Santangelo, Brad Andres and Dave Balogh dutifully manned our memorial scope, and brought some of their own birding toys to share with fair-goers. Bob brought a tiny scope for the little ones to look through.

We enjoyed pointing out the four Western Grebes on the lake to folks—many of whom had never seen or heard of such a creature. A few times we thought the Grebes would go into their breeding dance—teasing us with such antics as throwing water around with their bills and moving their bodies in an unusual manner.

However, they settled down to take a nap instead. Perhaps there were just too many people watching for their comfort.

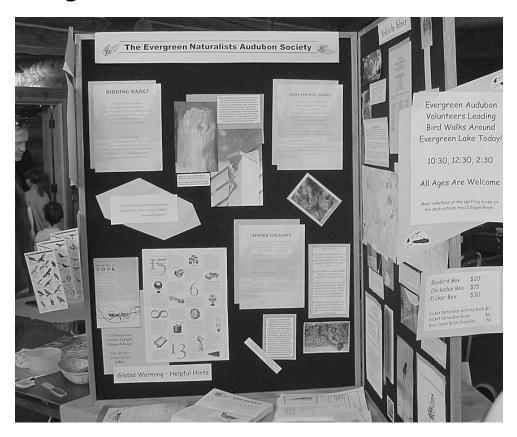
Tried and true, Walt Phillips arrived at the end with his warm and fuzzy face to help take down the booth and load the truck.

Our winner of the drawing for a hand-crafted bluebird box (the last one in inventory!) was a local gentleman, Doug Thomas. Doug was most pleased to be a winner of this special gift and is looking forward to hosting a new family in his yard.

Planning and organizing the TENAS booth is one of my favorite projects each year and helps me celebrate the return of spring in a special way. Thanks so much to all of our terrific TENAS volunteers and to the Earth Day and Beyond committee—the folks who ensure this quality fair each year for our neighbors.

If you haven't attended in the past, I hope you will make it a priority on your calendar next year.

- Susan Harper



The TENAS booth was packed with good information and drew lots of interest.



Heather Johnson holds a lively discussion with an Earth Day visitor. *Photos by Mark Meremonte* 



## Evergreen Lake Christmas Bird Count May 6, 2007

Oops, I mean the International Dawn Chorus of 2007!!!!

Yes, we had snow and lots of it but we were there anyway, 20 of us!

It was a most glorious sunrise; we had fog, mist, green, white and even pink. The colors were magnificent.

And the birds, 40 species of them—not bad for a day most didn't want to get out of bed. We were thrilled to witness the magical aerial display from a Great Blue Heron; amazed to have been able to watch that dive and quick turn-up!

Our annual Sora viewing was hidden this year. We have records of the Sora being back this spring but the storm kept him in bed late this morning.

Other exciting species were an Eastern King Bird, and the American Pipits that were hiding out from their advances up in altitude.

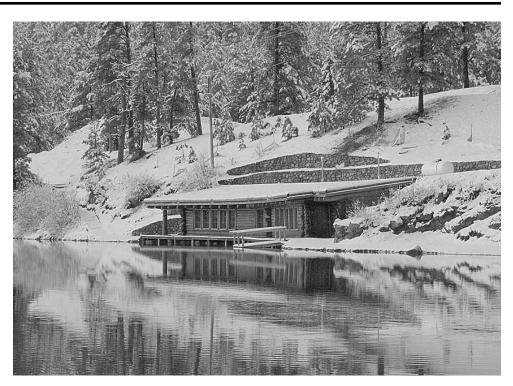
The food was superb; thanks, Sylvia, for deviled eggs, and Loie for her juicy chocolate-covered strawberries, and Tim for his great homebaked scones—what a guy! And yes, thanks to all of us for bringing goodies to share.

Thanks, everyone, for participating once again at an ungodly hour after a snowy storm for one of our best dawn choruses yet!

- Karel Buckley and Sylvia Brockner



A Mountain Bluebird still active in the spring snow. Photo by Susan Harper



The Warming Hut draped in a fresh icing of spring snow. Photo by Susan Harper

## **Botany Group Plans Summer**

The botany group will meet on Fridays as we did last year. Field trips will be scheduled on alternate weeks to get us outdoors, see the flowers and enjoy summer.

Field-trip times may vary depending upon distance traveled. Call the trip coordinator for time of departure, expected destination and probable time of return.

Alternate week meetings will be on Sylvia Brockner's patio, weather permitting, or around her dining room table. Participants are encouraged to bring plants to identify. We will key plants using Weber and many other botany books in Sylvia's library.

Meeting time will be noon. Bring your own sack lunch and Sylvia will supply tea, coffee and cookies.

There are no charges or extra fees to join the Botany Group. We are a part of TENAS and anyone, TENAS member or nonmember, is welcome to come to either field trips or keying classes. Our main goal is to enjoy our love of wildflowers and share it with others.

Following are planned trips and meetings. Look for future schedules in *The Dipper*. **May 25:** Field trip to **Corwina Park**. Coordinator Lynne Price, 303-670-0840.

**June 1: Keying** at the Brockners.

**June 8**: Field trip to **Elk Meadow.** Coordinator Sylvia Robertson, 303-674-1715. Meet at Stagecoach Road parking lot at 9 a.m., concluding about noon.

**June 15: Keying** at the Brockners.

**June 22**: Field trip to **Bell Park**. Meet at the Brockners at 9 a.m., concluding about noon. Coordinator Sylvia Brockner, 303-674-4851.

**June 29: Keying** at the Brockners.

**July 6**: Field trip to **Mt. Goliath**. Coordinator Marilyn Kaussner. Meet at RTD Bergen Park at 9 a.m. Bring water, snacks and a jacket. We plan to return to Echo Lake Lodge by noon. Participants can have lunch there or leave as they desire. There is a charge for Mt. Evans Road.

It is not necessary to attend all meetings. Just come when you can and join the fun.
- Sylvia Brockner



## Weed Season Has Arrived!

The lengthening days and warmer weather is not just a signal to birds and wildlife, it also tells the Community Weed Awareness Campaign that it is time to dust off our file folders, shine up our garden tools and plan the season's assault against noxious weeds.

By the time you read this, CWAC already will have talked to hundreds of people at the Earth Day Fair, the Safety Fair and an education outreach at Aspen Park King Soopers.

We also met with the Jefferson County commissioners, (or should we say Commissioner Hartman, since the other two were unable to join us), and Jefferson County Weed Specialist Alicia Doran.

We had a productive meeting and Commissioner Hartman is enthusiastic about the fight against noxious weeds. Don't be surprised if you see her at Community Weed Day.

Our primary focus this year is the celebration we are planning for the 10th annual Community Weed Day at Evergreen Lake on Saturday, June 23.

It is so hard to believe that we have been at this for TEN years; we don't feel ten years older. The good news is that an amazing amount of progress in noxious weed public awareness has occurred in those 10 years.

This will be a Community Weed Day you won't want to miss! Volunteers should be at the lake at 8 a.m. ready to weed for a couple of hours. We will provide refreshments to start your day. Remember to dress appropriately and bring work gloves and diggers if you have them.

The celebration will begin at approximately 11 a.m. We are planning to have a delicious cake and volunteers will receive a recognition gift, funded by the Evergreen Park and Recreation District.

And, of course, we'll have our famous noxious weed display and weed experts available to help the public with weed questions and identification.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at this momentous event!

Evergreen Newspapers is graciously running our weed articles in the monthly Real Estate section of their six newspapers. The first article, "Purge your Spurge," was on page one of the May insert. The June article by Sylvia Robertson will feature Russian olive.

Be sure to check the Real Estate section the first week of each month for these informative articles.

Finally, thanks to the TENAS webmaster, Natasha Japp, noxious weed information will be available on the website at www.dipper.org. Check it out and let us know what weed information you would like to see on the Noxious Weed page.

For more information on any of our upcoming events, or to volunteer for Community Weed Day, contact us by e-mail at sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail. com or call Cathy, 303-674-8610, or Sylvia, 303-674-1715.

> - The Community Weed Awareness Campaign Committee

## Community Weed Awareness Campaign Summer Schedule

## Mark your calendars:

May 12....SAFE school outreach-Bergen Meadow School

10:00 am to noon

May 19.....Education outreach-Aspen Park King Soopers

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

June 23......10<sup>th</sup> Community Weed Day - Evergreen Lake

8:00 am to 11:00 am

July 21......Educatíon outreach - Evergreen Safeway

10:00 am to 2:00 pm Aug 16.....Weed & Wine - For Volunteers - Evergreen Lake Weeding - 4:00 pm; Party - 6:00 pm

......Idaho Springs outreach - Place and date TBD

## **Questions?**

Call: Cathy 303-674-8610 Sylvia 303-674-1715



## Spotlight on New Board Member: David Wald

David and his wife, Lisa, and two children (Emily, 13; Aaron, 10) moved to Evergreen in 2002, after 18 years in Pasadena, Calif. David hails from the East, born and raised in Rye, N.Y.

(In his early childhood Rye was spared being traversed by the planned Rye-Oyster Bay Long Island Bridge in part due to the nearby Read Wildlife Sanctuary!)

David's education began at St. Lawrence University in New York, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physics and geology. Moving west, David earned a master's in geophysics at the University of Arizona (1988) and, then moving farther west, his doctorate in geophysics from the California Institute of Technology (1992).

Coming a bit eastward toward his roots but not too far, he is now a seismologist with the United States Geological Survey in Golden and on the geophysics faculty at the Colorado School

## **Membership**

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

#### New

Beth Erlund-Morrison

#### New Family

Pat & Ben Carter–Evergreen Luke & Carmen Liffengren–Conifer Mike Wilson & Barbara Nabors– Morrison

#### Renewing

Mike Henwood–Morrison Warren Roske–Golden Louisa Underwood–Evergreen Dick Williams–Evergreen

#### **Renewing Family**

Ron Huston & Nancy Dulin–Riverview John & Patty Esperance–Evergreen Einar & Deb Jensen–Idaho Springs Deb Callahan & David Jones–Evergreen Gil & Jan Schoonveld–Evergreen



David Wald

At USGS, David is a supervisory research geophysicist with an integral role in operations, developments and man-

of Mines.

agement at the National Earthquake Information Center, which publishes information on U.S. and worldwide earthquakes.

He also contributes to the development and establishment of the new Advanced National Seismic System, which integrates national, regional and urban seismograph networks, promotes instrument standardization and digital data exchange, and provides real-time earthquake information.

He also developed and manages "ShakeMap," the Community Internet Intensity Maps (popularly "Did You

# Birding and Breakfast at Buffalo Creek

The fourth Buffalo Creek Bird Walk Breakfast is scheduled Saturday, June 16, starting at the BPIA Community Hall on Route 126 in Buffalo Creek at 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast is \$5; the event is a fundraiser for painting the Community Hall.

For more information or to volunteer to participate in the bird walk, contact Cheryl Pieper at 303-816-2947.

Feel it?"), and is responsible for developing support systems for post-earth-quake response and information, and pre-earthquake mitigation.

David has been associate editor of the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America.

He has appeared in numerous interviews or articles in or on the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, AP, PBS, CNN, FOX, ABC, CBS, MSNBC, Learning Channel, History Channel, TechTV, BBC, NHK, NPR, Voice of America and others, concerning earthquakes, earthquake ground motions, hazards and damage.

David has traveled abroad as a U.S. government earthquake hazards advisor.

Away from work, David enjoys skiing, hiking, camping, trail running and more recently, birding. These days he steals time from his meetings to go birding whenever he can. His last meeting was in Hawaii—what a bummer!

## **Double Dipper**

The next issue of the Dipper will cover July and August. Anyone submitting articles should look ahead to include all activities during these two months.





Colorado Birdseed Blends •
Birdfeeders • Birdbaths •
Birdhouses • Binoculars •
Field Guides • Nature Gifts
• Friendly Expert Advice
2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd

at W. Yale Ave.



## Field Trips and Outings

Saturday, May 26 Mt. Falcon Park Leaders: Margie Bailey and Sherman Wing, 303-697-8840 Let's see the birds of spring at Mt. Falcon Park. This park offers a variety of excellent forest habitat that attracts a number of migratory birds. Meet at the Mt. Falcon parking lot, Indian Hills entrance, at 8 a.m. The walk will last a good half- day.

**June 9-17** Birds in the Balance Window

See the roster of leaders below and contact one or more of them to participate in this ongoing research program. Leaders of the various sites take the field on different days during the window, so call in advance for the details. You don't have to be an expert to participate.

Saturday, June 2 Nightbird Gulch to Mt. Galbraith Leader: Mike Foster, 303-456-2647 Third class of a series, offered to CMC and TENAS. We'll look for more migrants and summer residents in a habitat similar to last month's. Car shuttle for a loop trip. Beginners welcome. Bring binoculars, bird guide and lunch/water. Snacks and socializing afterward at Wild Bird Center. Meet at WBC at 7 a.m., in mall at 32nd & Youngfield; off of I-70. The hike covers 6 miles and an elevation gain of 1130 feet. Call Mike to sign up.

Saturday, June 16 Lair o' the Bear Leader: Mike Foster, 303-456-2647 One of the hot spots along Bear Creek and an Important Bird Area in Colorado. We'll look for spring migrants and summer residents along Bear Creek, then hike an easy trail that crosses montane shrubs and enters the conifer forest. Meet at the park at 7 a.m. for a half-day trip.

Always call the leader on the Thursday before the trip to confirm arrangements!

# Birds in the Balance Monitoring Window June 9-17

For specific times and dates at the different sites phone a team leader or Kent Simon, BIB chair, at 303-674-3017.

SITE	LEADERS	PHONE
Bear Creek Lake Park #1	Mike Foster	303-456-2647
Bear Creek Lake Park #2	-Bob Santangelo	303-477-1367
Gravel Pit	Ruth Alford	303-670-0835
	Kathanne Lynch	303-526-0670
Lair O' the Bear	Else Van Erp	303-816-5084
Corwina Park	Warren Roske	303-526-9725
O'Fallon Park	Sherman Wing	303-697-8840
Evergreen Lake	Brad Andres	303-670-0101
Upper Bear Creek	Deb Callahan	303-674-4923
The Gardens	Gil Schoonveld	303-674-6865
Groundhog Flat	Inga Brennan	720-746-1780
Beaver Meadows	Larry White	303-674-0535
Summit Lake	Kent Simon	303-674-3017

Interested? Join us!!

#### Calendar

May 25	Botany Field Trip to Corwina Park
May 26	Mt. Falcon Field Trip
June 1	Botany Group Keying Plants
June 2	Mt. Galbraith Field Trip
June 7	Chapter Meeting
June 8	Botany Field Trip to Elk Meadow
June 15	Botany Group Keying Plants
June 16	Lair o' the Bear Field Trip
June 16	Buffalo Creek Bird Walk & Breakfast
June 22	Botany Field Trip to Bell Park
June 23	Community Weed Day
June 29	Botany Group Keying Plants
July 7	Botany Field Trip to Mt. Goliath

#### Monthly Meetings (except January and July)

Evergreen Recreation Center, 5300 S. Olive Road, 7 p.m.

Audubon Colorado Office 303-415-0130 www.auduboncolorado.org TENAS website www.dipper.org

The Dipper deadline for the July/August issue is Thursday, June 7. Please submit articles to: Margaret McDole, mem2@earthlink.net

VOLUME 37, NO. 5. The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society, P.O. Box 523
Evergreen, CO 80437, publishes The Dipper every month but February and August. The
Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubor
Society. Members automatically receive The Dipper. Annual subscription for
non-members is \$10. TENAS encourages readers to submit original articles

   	The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society Local Membership Application Please enroll me/us in The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society. I/we may participate in all chapter activities, receive <i>The Dipper</i> newsletter, and vote (both Family members may vote) on chapter issues. Dues remain local.	
	$ \begin{tabular}{ll} $\square$ Individual ($20) & $\square$ Family ($30) & $\square$ Student ($10) \\ I have included an additional donation of $\underline{\hspace*{0.5cm}}$. } \\ \end{tabular} $	
	Name Family member Address	
Ī	CityStateZip	
•	Phone E-mail	
ı	(optional) (optional)	
I	(optional) (optional)  □ I DO NOT want solicitations from National Audubon.	
	Enclosed is my check payable to TENAS	
	P.O. Box 523	
l	Evergreen, CO 80437	
•	If you would like to join or donate to National Audubon	

creative nature writing or art to *The Dipper*. Please state if the material submitted has been published elsewhere requiring publisher's permission. The editor reserves the right to select suitable articles for publication and to edit any articles selected. *Dipper design and layout by Marshall Desktop Publishing* 

please call 1-800-274-4201.

Society directly and receive the AUDUBON Magazine,

#### PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

Artwork: Sylvia Brockner, Mildred Keiser

- Botany Group
- Community Weeding
- Sage-Grouse Monitoring

## **Sussible** SidT nl

Time Dated Material

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society, Inc. Pox 523 Evergreen, CO 80437

SEE DIPPER