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ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual Evergreen Audubon picnic will be in the late afternoon of Saturday, July 17, at Dedisse Park.

Check the website or the July *Dipper* for details, or call Sylvia at 303-674-1715 or Peggy at 303-674-8648.

ENC OPEN HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEERS

The next open house for potential Evergreen Nature Center volunteers will be Saturday, June 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Current nature center volunteers will be on hand to share their experiences. Training will be scheduled for those who decide to become Visitor Assistants.

VAs greet visitors and are available to answer questions and provide access to information about plants and animals in the Bear Creek Watershed.

Visit the Evergreen Audubon website for more information, or call 303-330-0489.

A Visitor Assistant job description and an application are available on the website.

COMMUNITY WEED DAY

This year's Community Weed Day on Saturday, June 12, will bring people together to pull weeds at Evergreen Lake.

Find out more about this important local event on page 6.

EA plans special birding weekend

Evergreen Audubon members have an excellent opportunity to spend a weekend birding at a private ranch outside the town of Edwards, west of Vail.

Diana Donovan, daughter of founding EA members Bill and Louise Mounsey, has invited Evergreen Auduboners to her private ranch for a weekend getaway July 31 and Aug. 1. Friday evening, July 30, is open for arrivals as well.

There will be a potluck dinner Saturday, with EA founder Sylvia Brockner as our campfire speaker.

The ranch house is a restored 100-year-old cabin without electricity or running water. Participants may choose to camp at the ranch or stay in town at a local hotel. Smaller RVs, trailers and tents are welcome; however, there are no water, electricity or sewer hookups.

The ranch has lots of hummingbirds, bluebirds, hawks and wildflowers. Participants can walk, sit, relax or whatever. Short trips will be planned.

There is a nature center nearby in Vail. Bald Eagles overlook public fishing areas that are nearby on the Eagle River. There is lots to do and see in a very special setting. Views of beautiful wildflowers await about a 45-minute car drive away on Shrine Pass.

Lodging suggestions for those not camping:

- Many motel options in Eagle, which is a 20-minute drive to the west along the Eagle River.
- Christy Lodge in Avon is a 20-minute drive to the east. Call 888-325-6343.
- Inn at Riverwalk in Edwards is a 15-minute drive. Call 970-926-0606.
- Tivoli Lodge in Vail is a very nice lodge half an hour away. Call 970-476-5615.

This is a trip for Audubon members only, so if you are not an Evergreen member, now is the time to join!

Please call Louise or Bill Mounsey, 303-674-4695, for further information and to reserve a spot. This field trip is expected to fill quickly.

- Karel Buckley



Kathanne Lynch, Susan Harper and Sherman Wing saw these Broad-tailed Hummingbird babies in Lair o' the Bear Park two years ago. Photo by Sherman Wing



Red-tailed Hawk at sunset. Photo by Alistair Montgomery

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DAVID WALD

The Evergreen Nature Center came about rather suddenly two years ago, after Evergreen Audubon got a lease agreement with the Evergreen Park and Recreation District.

While we had a pretty good idea of what starting a nature center entailed, none involved had ever built, staffed or stocked one. In the process of developing a nature center, we learned what a nice meeting place it is. Almost as if it were part of the plan!

Of late, several very suitable and visible events have been added to the ENC repertoire, and we're pleased to report these fit in perfectly with what we had in mind.

Over the past month alone, Earth Day, the International Dawn Chorus and International Migratory Bird Day were all celebrated in conjunction with gatherings at the Nature Center.

An Evergreen Chamber of Commerce Mixer was held in May as well and we hope to host a movie night or two this summer. If you have other ideas, please let us know!

Events like these bring us closer to one of our goals: becoming a centerpiece of the Evergreen community.

As recognition of the success of the Nature Center, the president of the EPRD board of directors, Allan Casey, requested a summary from Evergreen Audubon last month.

ENC Director Michael Stills and I summarized recent successes and pointed out some of the natural benefits of the center to our community. Most of the EPRD board provided very warm, positive feedback indicating that Evergreen Audubon had greatly exceeded their expectations for the use of the Warming Hut as the Evergreen Nature Center.

What's more, the board president recommended to EPRD Executive Director John Skeel that he negotiate a longer-term contract for our use of the Warming Hut. That has already resulted in more space for the Nature Center.

He also recommended that Skeel dialogue directly with Evergreen Audubon to consider other options, including use of more space in the Warming Hut and, potentially, year-round use.

This discussion became part of the public record heard by recently elected EPRD board members who were in attendance at the time. This hearty praise and the notion of long-term EPRD support for Evergreen Audubon's use of the Warming Hut is very encouraging, especially given all the hard work to fund, operate and staff the Evergreen Nature Center.

Sometimes hard work really pays off! Thank you all for your help and contributions.

VIP VOLUNTEERS DAVID WALD

- **Heather Johnson** led an extraordinary effort to bring International Migratory Bird Day to the Nature Center. Heather did everything short of donning wings and landing on the roof on the way in (though I was late so it is possible I missed that).

She and colleagues **Audrianna** and **Suzanne** brought in a remarkable array of specimens and materials, taught young, future birders about bird banding and did so much more.

As mentioned in the President's Message, the EPRD has allowed us to take over more of the Warming Hut for the Nature Center, and Heather did not hesitate to fill it with educational birding materials galore!

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MEET THE BOARD: LISA WALD, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Lisa Wald is seldom seen without a book, which she will pop open any time five free minutes present themselves.

The trick is finding five free minutes, because her job at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden vies for her time with serving as the Evergreen Audubon Communications Director.

Factor in a husband, two children and a love of singing, and something's got to give. "I'll go back after the kids," she says of singing.

Before moving from California to Evergreen 7-1/2 years ago, she was a member of Pasadena Pro Musica, a chorus consisting entirely of auditioned, accomplished musicians. Now, her attention is on family, work and volunteering for Evergreen Audubon.

As the first communications director for the newly reorganized EA board, Lisa is responsible for creation and maintenance of the website. She also oversees all other public relations efforts of the chapter, including the newsletter (*The Dipper*) and all other printed materials, as well as any submissions to the media.

Her first major task after taking on the job in December was to reinvent the EA website and bring information about all club activities to a central and continually updated site.

The resulting website, www.evergreen-audubon.org, allows members and the public alike to accomplish everything from posting or reading about the latest bird sightings to checking out free programs at Evergreen Nature Center.

Lisa devoted days and large parts of weeks to bringing the website up to speed. Now, she says, the communications director job consists of "what I'd like to do, what I'm supposed to do and what I have time to do."

She'd like to concentrate on "branding" Evergreen Audubon to make it better known in the community and to encourage more family involvement.

She believes renaming the club last year was a good start. "We didn't know it existed—didn't know what TENAS was," she said. Now Evergreen Audubon will be reaching out to more people.

Lisa first became involved with EA about four years ago, after husband Da-



Lisa Wald and her family like to camp and hike. A favorite destination is Brainard Lake outside Ward, Colo.

vid (who is now president of Evergreen Audubon) joined a Christmas Bird Count and Lisa accompanied him to the post-count chili supper.

"Everyone was so welcoming," Lisa said. "It was so easy to be with everyone."

It was when the possibility of opening a nature center on Evergreen Lake came along a few months later that Lisa thought, "Oh, now this is something I'm really, really interested in."

She was very involved in establishing the Evergreen Nature Center and has created brochures and posters to promote it, as well as signage to accompany exhibits.

Nature Center Executive Director Michael Stills cannot place a value on Lisa's efforts to create and improve the Nature Center.

"Lisa's contributions will never be fully known," he said. "She has spent countless hours getting our website to work, fine-tuning graphics and signage, developing creative ideas for the Crafts Corner, among many other contributions. While what she provides looks simple, unless you have done the type of work that Lisa provides you will never fully

understand the time, effort and creativity she gives."

It's a labor of love for Lisa and her family. "We spent and still spend many weekends at the Nature Center with the kids and our kayak at the lake," she said.

It was one of those kids, 13-year-old Aaron, who led to the family's interest in birds.

"Aaron got us started being interested in birds when he was 4 or 5 years old," Lisa said. "It wasn't a passing phase."

Husband David jumped into the birding field with both feet.

"When Dave does something he does it all the way," Lisa said. "I have more of a holistic interest in nature."

Daughter Emily, 16, has an interest in nature as well, and may study botany.

Lisa's career began with a bachelor's degree in geology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where she was raised. She continued her education in Tucson at the University of Arizona, earning a master's degree in geophysics and meeting her future husband.

She started as a researcher for the USGS in Pasadena in 1987, and began the Education and Outreach Program 12 years later. As part of her job, she learned graphic design and layout and started creating flyers, posters, brochures and newsletters to communicate the science of earthquakes to the general public and to students.

Lisa turned to web development in the mid-1990s when the Internet started to spread to the masses.

Since both she and David transferred to the Golden USGS office in 2002, her focus has been on the web. She is responsible for the national Earthquake Hazards Program website (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov>) and manages a team of web developers.

The site is the most popular USGS website, with about 3 million visits per week.

Her job can be hectic, but the move to Colorado in 2002 was "a dream come true" for Lisa, who fondly remembers traveling to the state every summer while growing up and perhaps not so fondly recalls crying at the end of every trip.

- Debbie Marshall

Migrating birds made their much-anticipated return over the last few weeks, highlighted by the appearance of a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Red Rocks Park.

Brad Andres saw the bird on April 25. He noted that they breed in tundra that has some shrubs and that most winter in California and the Pacific Northwest.

“We list it as a irregular visitant in the montane and plains and foothills regions in the Bear Creek Watershed checklist,” he said.

Marilyn Rhodes finally got a good look at the Golden-crowned Sparrow on May 9. He was hanging out near the Trading Post and was just glorious in full breeding plumage.

Evening Grosbeaks made their presence known in Evergreen and Conifer starting in mid-April. Sherman Wing observed about a dozen foraging in Dedisse Park on April 17 and dozens descended into the trees around Marilyn Rhodes’ Hiwan Hills home during the second week of May.

John Sears reported numerous Evening Grosbeaks at his home in the Kings Valley area of Conifer, a rare occurrence. On May 16, he said customers at his Evergreen Wild Bird Store in Bergen

Park had been reporting Evening and **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** hanging out together at feeders.

Hummingbirds made their usual April return, with Sherman hearing one in Indian Hills April 15, but the first reported sighting came from Jonelle Balais on April 27 at her Witter Gulch feeder.

A male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** visited Pat Wyker’s feeder in Georgetown on April 28, but was driven away by a spring storm. By May 5 he was back and asserting himself daily. May 4 brought the first hummingbird to the Evergreen Wild Bird Store.

Migrating water birds returned to Evergreen Lake, notably an **Osprey** spotted by Larry White on April 26.

David Wald saw a pair of Ospreys at Buchanan Ponds on May 1. They were soaring and swooping low over the water. David ran over to pull John Sears out of his store, and they watched the pair for a few minutes with one of his customers.

Other water birds spotted at the lake in early May were a **White-faced Ibis** by Lorrie McAllister on May 1 and one lone **American Avocet** on May 5, reported by Larry White.

Lisa Hamm-Greenawalt saw a **Great Blue Heron** flying east along Bear



Mountain Bluebird at Alderfer-Three Sisters Park. Photo by Alistair Montgomery

Creek just east of O’Fallon Park on May 4. It had a big stick in its mouth.

On May 8, Sherman Wing saw a surprising number of water birds using the pond in Mt. Falcon Park, including **Willetts, Spotted Sandpipers, Double-crested Cormorants** and **Mallards**.

A Spotted Sandpiper provided a special treat for Pat Wyker at Georgetown Lake on May 17. She admired its incredible spotted breast while the bird teetered in the shallows.

Two **Eurasian Collared-Doves** were reported, one on April 18 at Pat Wyker’s Georgetown seed tray and one on May 5 at the Conifer home of John and Diane Sears—the first they’ve ever had.

Red Crossbills may have a good season: Larry White saw recent fledglings on May 20 at 7,700 feet in the ponderosa pine forest. He observed that there are lots of cones and seeds this year. John and Diane Sears reported on May 5 that they were seeing an occasional Red Crossbill at their home.

A **Great Horned Owl**’s nest on Highway 285 looked damaged to Sherman Wing on May 7 and the owls were not seen; he speculated the recent high winds destroyed the nest.



Spotted Sandpipers have been seen from Georgetown Lake to Mount Falcon Park this spring. Photo by Sherman Wing

Mid-April began several weeks of fine birding for Sherman, who saw **Cassin's Finches, Western Bluebirds, Pine Siskins** and a **Hairy Woodpecker** in Dedisse Park on April 17. Two pairs of **American Dippers** were singing in O'Fallon Park that day and **Red-breasted Nuthatches** were abundant in Mt. Falcon Park, where he also heard **Wild Turkeys**.

He added several first-of-the-season birds on May 3 at Mt. Falcon: a **House Wren, Chipping Sparrows** and **Mountain Chickadees** and Pine Siskins gathering nesting materials.

Four days later at Mt. Falcon, Sherman saw seven **Yellow-rumped Warblers** (Myrtle), a pair of Willets and a pair of Double-crested Cormorants.

Larry White reported his first Yellow-rumped Warbler of the season, a male, in his yard on Upper Bear on May 6. Pat Wyker saw a Yellow-rumped at Georgetown Lake on May 17.

On May 8, Sherman saw more than 30 species in the Mt. Falcon Park. There were large flocks of **Vesper Sparrows** in and around the rabbit brush and many Chipping Sparrows around the mountain mahogany.

Land birds also included Yellow-rumped, Yellow and **Orange-crowned Warblers; White-crowned Sparrows;**

Say's Phoebe, Western Kingbird and Gray Flycatchers; and Violet-green, Barn and Tree Swallows.

The bounty continued on May 15 at Mt. Falcon, with two male **Bullock's Orioles** and one **McGillivray's Warbler**.

On May 21 at O'Fallon Park, Sherman's "best birds" included a male **Red-naped Sapsucker** preening on an aspen tree, a female Broad-tailed Hummingbird collecting nesting material, a male **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** flashing his red crown and two male **Western Tanagers** singing.

Other sightings:

- Two **Red-shafted Flickers** visited Pat Wyker's Georgetown seed tray on April 18, along with several Mountain Chickadees and **Slate-colored Juncos**, and as always two **Steller's Jays**. A **Brown Towhee** visited her yard most of the day on April 17, occasionally taking time to sing the sweetest song.

- On May 8 and 9 Dick Prickett had a male **Lazuli Bunting** at his feeders



This nesting Prairie Falcon was spotted in Red Rocks Park in April. Photo by Marilyn Rhodes

in Evergreen Highlands. It was the first time he had seen it there, but it was not back the next day.

- Pat saw male and female **Black-headed Grosbeaks** and three White-crowned Sparrows at her feeder on May 18. A Black-headed Grosbeak showed up at Debbie Marshall's feeders on May 14.

- Marilyn Rhodes reported on May 19 that she had been hosting a finch gathering. Pine Siskins and **House Finches** were ever present and on May 18 beautiful little **Lesser Goldfinches** returned.

VIP VOLUNTEERS DAVID WALD

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ENC Director **Michael Stills** had the center in top shape and **John and Diane Sears** also contributed a very nice feeding display. All in all, the results were spectacular!

Other notable contributions that day include **Karel Buckley** and **Loie Evans** leading not one, but two, field trips around the lake; **Emily Wald** and **Natalie Tarasar's** face-painting; **Lisa Wald** helping kids build bird feeders; and **Aaron Wald** keeping all marauding snakes at bay.

It's very likely that **Sylvia Brockner's** column in the Canyon Courier on International Migratory Bird Day and the events at the Nature Center helped with the draw.

Many of our chapter members attended and enjoyed the event, and your

presence was great to see. Finally, Mother Nature provided a wide variety of visitors (an Osprey, White-faced Ibis and Green-tailed Towhees are worth note) as if the day were on her calendar as well.

- As far as the Dawn Chorus goes, if the notion of a 5:45 a.m. birding adventure at the lake brings you pause, **Mimi Nelson's** warm scones should change your mind next time around.

Mimi must have been up pretty early!

Karel Buckley helped set up, **Loie Evans** counted species and **Trudy Hearst** recorded visitors. Thanks also to so many of you who contributed goodies and came down for the early(!) fun.

- **Sylvia Robertson** has risen to the occasion to get *The Dipper* in the mail, adjusting to changing requirements as we transition from a printed to online

newsletter. And **Barbara Klaus** is bringing an extra measure of professionalism to *The Dipper* with her excellent proof-reading skills. Many thanks to both.

- Our *Dipper* solicitation for binoculars and a hefty tripod panned out and we're in business thanks to **Tory Hurst** and **Inga Brennan**, respectively. Nice to see you're reading even the fine print in the *Dipper!* Thanks also to **Debbie Marshall** for donating a personal computer and **Annette Stach** (Lisa Wald's mom) for knitting and donating hats to sell at the Nature Center store.

- Finally, thanks once again to all of you who have posted a "Local Sighting" report on our website, www.evergreen-audubon.org. This is getting to be a great site to quickly catch up on what new arrivals are coming through our area! Keep it up!

Counters needed for Mt. Evans sheep and goats

Volunteers are needed for sheep and goat counts on Mount Evans and in Georgetown this summer.

The 2010 Mount Evans Sheep and Goat Count is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21. It is a one-day count, but in case the weather is bad enough to prevent the count, July 22 will be the backup date.

The count will begin first thing in the morning, as soon as it is light enough to see. The count should end by early afternoon. Tuesday, July 20, will be a pack-in day for backpacking and horse-packing routes.

The 2010 Georgetown Sheep and Goat Count is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27. This is a one-day count, starting around sunrise and ending early afternoon.

If you wish to participate in either the Mount Evans or Georgetown counts, please contact Sherri Huwer, Colorado Division of Wildlife, at 970-472-4466, or sherri.huwer@state.co.us.

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Sherman Wing—Indian Hills

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Bird Banders

Heather Johnson, Regional Coordinator for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, teaches Leah Willms how to mist net and band birds during the International Migratory Bird Day Festival at Evergreen Nature Center on May 8. Photo by Karel Buckley

Community Weed Day

Saturday, June 12th
8:00 to 11:00 am
Evergreen Lake House Lawn

- *Learn to identify and control invasive weeds*
- *Bring your yard plants for Identification*
- *Join in pulling weeds around the Lake*
- *Examine our live local weed display*



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Stories of the Stars: Early Summer Stars and Planets

Friday, June 4, 8:30–10 pm

Pam Little

Meet on the grass in front of Evergreen Lakehouse. 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. Limited to 25 participants, ages 3 and up.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489.

A Trip Through Time

Saturday, June 5, 9 am–noon

Cheryl Manning

Join us as we pass through 1.7 billion years of geologic history, starting at the top of Red Rocks Amphitheater and ending at Green Mountain.

Cheryl Manning, Evergreen High School biology teacher, will lead a tour of some of the best geologic features the Front Range has to offer, including a massive gap in the geologic record, the greatest mass extinction of all time, dinosaur footprints and bones, plant fossils, and the oil-

gas-producing Denver Basin.

We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Evergreen Park 'n' Ride (at Christ the King Church) to carpool down to Red Rocks. This trip will combine driving to a few different sites, a walk over Dinosaur Ridge and a stop at the Dinosaur Ridge museum. Limited to 20 participants, ages 15 and up.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489.

Living with Coyotes

Thursday, June 17, 10 am–noon

Ashley Delaup

Join Ashley, a Denver Mountain Parks wildlife ecologist, at Evergreen Nature Center to learn how coyotes are adapted to the human environment and what measures to take when living with coyotes. Limited to 25 participants, ages 10 and up.

Registration is required; call 303-330-0489.

Beginning Birders Field Trip

Saturday, June 19, 8–11 am

Heather Johnson and Else VanErp

Have you been hearing and watching birds, wanting to learn more about how to identify them? If so, join Evergreen Audubon members Heather and Else for a

morning beginning birders hike in Lair o' the Bear Open Space Park.

Trip leaders will share tips on how to identify birds by both sight and sound, including how to use a variety of popular bird field guides, tips on finding birds quickly through binoculars and spotting scopes, and recommended next steps to increase your birding experiences.

This field trip is geared for adults. However, mature young adults are welcome to join the trip as well. It will involve an easy hike through the park, not exceeding 3 miles. The terrain is relatively flat, with a few short hills, but hiking boots are recommended. Plan to bring a backpack with water, a light snack, sunscreen, a baseball cap and a jacket (depending on the weather).

If you have binoculars and a bird field guide, please bring both on the field trip; however, there will be extra binoculars and field guides for you to borrow for the trip. No prior birding experience is needed. A bird checklist will be provided.

Participation is limited to 14 adults and mature young adults. Registering for the field trip is required, so please sign up early to ensure your spot.

To register, contact Heather, 303-670-0101 or 303-594-8780 (cell).

Cottontops

This very unusual photo of Scaled Quail was taken in Pueblo in January. They generally roost in groups of two or more, tail-to-tail in a tight circle on the ground.

A ground-dwelling bird of the southwestern desert grasslands, the Scaled Quail usually runs to escape enemies rather than flying. The white crest gives the Scaled Quail its colloquial name of "cottontop." Photo by Marilyn Rhodes



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4	Posey Posse	Morning (TBA)	Boulder
June 4	Stories of the Stars	8:30 PM	Evergreen Lakehouse
June 5	Trip Through Time Field Trip	9 AM	Evergreen Park 'n' Ride
June 10	Newsletter deadline	5 PM	
June 11	Posey Posse	Morning (TBA)	Beaver Ranch
June 12	Community Weed Day	8-11 AM	Evergreen Lake
June 17	Living with Coyotes	10 AM	Nature Center
June 18	Posey Posse	Morning (TBA)	Apex Park
June 19	Beginning Birders Field Trip	8-11 AM	Lair o' the Bear Park
June 24	EA Board Meeting	7 PM	
June 25	Posey Posse	Morning (TBA)	Deer Creek Canyon
June 26	Volunteer Open House	4:30-6:30 PM	Nature Center

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