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Upcoming Speakers

April

Dave Showalter (author and wildlife photographer): Prairie Thunder–The Nature of Colorado's Great Plains May

Nathan Pieplow: *Birding* by Ear

June

Paul Marinari: North America's Rarest Mammal– the Black-footed Ferret

July Picnic: Everyone shares a few fun slides at the picnic. August

John Drummond: The Birds of Sri Lanka

Auction Results

The banquet and auction went well and we raised around \$700. I would like to thank all the donors-Tom and Ginny Boschen, Jean Widman, Art Morse, Marge Johnson, David Wald, Terry Grosz, Barbara Jean Gard, Kent Simon, Sylvia Robertson, Kathanne Lynch and Heather Johnson; and those who assisted me during the closeout-Marilyn Kaussner, Carolyn Fraker, Barbara J. Gard.

- Irma Wolf

Time to Clean

A reminder to clean bird boxes before spring migrants return.

Join Our New Birding Project

At its Jan. 24 meeting, the TENAS board approved the Bear Creek Watershed Breeding Bird Atlas as the chapter's new birding project. The BCA will focus on public lands during the breeding season. Brad Andres and Mike Foster will describe the new project at the upcoming chapter meeting on Thursday, March 6.

The BCA steering committee is creating a new website, separate from www.dipper.org, which will enable participants to enter data online, store data in a designed database, and allow easy data retrieval.

We are making good progress on the development, thanks to Kay Niyo's colleague, Ann Johnson. We will provide more news on the new website after everything has been set up and tested.

We will give an overview of the objectives of the project and details on data collection in the March 6 presentation.

In brief, site leaders and participants are requested to visit their assigned area five times during the breeding season to record



Yellow Warbler at Corwina Park. Photo by Kay Niyo

the following: time in field, number and names of observers, number of each species encountered, breeding status of all species encountered (categorized for possible, probable and confirmed breeders), and a rough map of the area covered with survey-area habitats (such as ponderosa pine, grassland, etc.).

We have identified site leaders for most of the sites we will be surveying during 2008. Names of leaders, their contact information and the dates they intend to survey will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Dipper*. However, we still need more help!

We would like to recruit a cadre of assistant leaders, who would follow the same field protocol as the leaders, but perhaps not go out as often and go out separately from the site leaders, perhaps with friends. They could survey more than one site, and do as many or as few surveys as they wished at those sites.

We ask only that you record your results on the website; that will provide valuable

additional data. This allows flexibility. We encourage more than one person to survey the larger, more popular sites, but all sites can use an assistant leader.

Field trips scheduled from January through April have been designed to provide participants experience in field techniques, and an opportunity to ask questions.

If you want to take part, as a leader, an assistant leader or a participant, please try to attend some of these practice hikes. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please direct your questions to Mike Foster at 303-456-2647, or mike1.foster@comcast.net.

The March 6 meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Church of the Hills (28628 Buffalo Park Road, across from Evergreen Library, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall). Refreshments and a business meeting will follow the program.



President's Message

We've had a busy couple of months since the last issue of the *Dipper*. The Christmas Bird Count went well (see results starting on Page 7). Again, the banquet was successful and fun.

The Evergreen Nature Center Committee and subcommittees are working diligently so the displays will be in place for our opening on Earth Day. The Bear Creek Atlas committee is preparing for the new project that is aimed at tracking the breeding birds in 12 different sites in the Bear Creek Watershed.

We start off this year with a full slate of officers, directors and committee chairs. Karen Knutson, CPA, brings much expertise to her duties as treasurer.

We have four new directors. Jane Conrad, with her late husband Dick, has been invaluable in bird-box building in past years. Heather Johnson works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Marilyn Kaussner is active in several Evergreen organizations but best known to us for her plant and weed work. Michael Stills has vast experience with volunteer and staffing issues.

All committee chairs are filled at this time, which is a good indication of the commitment of our members. Marge Petersen is our hospitality chair. Brad Andres is chairing the Bear Creek Atlas study. Carolyn Fraker is our interim coordinator for the nature center until a permanent director is in place. Mark Meremonte has agreed to fill the Conservation position.

A volunteer organization is only as good as the help it gets from members. There is something for everyone. I was praising Irma Wolf before the banquet as she was busy preparing the silent auction tables, apologizing that she couldn't socialize with others as they came in. She said, oh no, she would much prefer to work on the auction than make small talk with anyone.

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• To the many people who contributed to the success of the banquet! Ginny Boschen and Irma Wolf took over the planning for the banquet. Their change to a buffet proved very popular. Kent Simon took the reservations and made the nametags. Marilyn Kaussner bought the decorations material, which Margaret McDole, Jane Stewart, Rachel Norton, Sylvia Robertson, Peggy Durham and Marilyn made into delightful centerpieces. Juanita Weare and Dee Miller again painted the bowls of the dippers used for the awards. Irma once again ran the silent auction. Cashiers Carolyn Fraker, Marilyn and Irma collected the approximately \$700 in profit which we will put to good use. Walt Phillips for handling the auction monies. Thank you all.

• To **Walt and Polly Phillips** for opening their lovely home to about 50 stalwart, cold birders for the tally rally/chili supper after the Christmas Bird Count. Many felt that the party this year was especially fun. **Tom Van Erp** kept the count moving briskly lest someone nod off. **Emily Wald** had the counts from the various sites totaled by the time the last one was called out. To **Lori Hogan** for providing the delicious chili.

• To the outgoing officers, board members and committee chairs whose service benefited TENAS: **Carolyn Fraker** as secretary, **Walt Phillips** as treasurer, directors **Dave Balogh**, **Jeff Geiger** and **Bud Weare**. And **Kent Simon** for steering Birds in the Balance for many years, **Brad Andres** for Conservation and **Jane Conrad** for Hospitality.



Nature Center to Debut April 19

The Evergreen Nature Center to be located in the old warming house at Evergreen Lake will open to the public for a sneak peak at the Earth Day Celebration on April 19.

This cozy, charming structure will host exhibits on local birds and their migration patterns, the Bear Creek Watershed, information about the mammals that we live with in our environment, and the aquatic life in Evergreen Lake. That's just for starters!

Members of the nature center planning committee are working to develop interesting programs, a varied assortment of exhibits, and volunteer staffing opportunities.

The search for an executive director is also underway. This paid position will be responsible for the daily activities in the center, and will work with our committees to continue development of the center into a wonderful resource for local Evergreen residents and our many visitors to the park.

The Evergreen Nature Center is a project of Evergreen Audubon in cooperation with Evergreen Park and Recreation Department. EPRD will continue to use part of the building for boat rentals in the summer, and may host other functions there as well.

We have worked out a plan that should satisfy both organizations. It has been a longtime dream of TENAS to have a nature center; that dream is now coming into fruition. Interim Coordinator: Carolyn Fraker Staffing/Volunteers: David Wald, chair; Michael Stills; Walt Phillips; Peggy Durham

Exhibits: Heather Johnson, chair;

Lisa Wald; Kay Niyo; Bud Weare; Tom Boschen; Carmon Slater

Programs: Ginny Boschen, David Balogh, co-chairs

Development: Brad Andres, chair

Be a Nature Center Volunteer!

For more than a decade TENAS has dreamed of a nature center for our community. For more than 10 years our members have worked to keep that dream alive. This spring you can turn that dream into reality.

The Evergreen Nature Center is now seeking several volunteers from our membership to staff one of the most prominent and important nature center jobs, that of visitor assistant.

The VA is the nature center host, providing visitors with a welcoming atmosphere and information on the importance of the lake environment, including local birds, fish and other wild animals and their habitats.

VAs also perform administrative tasks such as opening and closing the nature center, offering impromptu exhibit vignettes, assisting with interpretation of displays, and answering basic questions about the nature center, Audubon, Evergreen Audubon and the local environment.

The VA also will record visitor attendance, answer phone inquiries and sell nature center merchandise.

If you possess a friendly demeanor, a

professional manner and a basic understanding of natural processes, we would love to hear from you.

VAs will be supervised by the nature center executive director, a position for which a search is currently underway. While weekly shifts can be flexible, we are seeking 10-15 volunteers who can fill a minimum of two three-hour shifts per month between April and October.

While shift times will vary over the season, the nature center will be staffed between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

Additionally, volunteers must complete four to six hours of visitor assistant training and attend a volunteer orientation. On-the-job training will be provided.

For more than a decade we have dreamed, for more than a decade we have waited. This spring, you can make history–join the Evergreen Nature Center team today!

For a detailed job description and to apply, please contact Michael Stills (enc@ dipper.org) for more information and to request an application.

- David Wald and Michael Stills

President's Message

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I will bake cookies anytime, but don't ask me to do any artsy-craftsy job. Getting to know what a person wants to do is key to getting the right people in these jobs.

On a different scale, I think we all were impressed with Michael Rogers from Wild Connections, who was our speaker in February. He volunteered for four years and is now paid staff.

Wild Connections seeks to protect the Pike-San Isabel Forests and Co-

manche Grassland. His talk was inspiring as he described what his group is doing to preserve and protect in a sustainable way a very large chunk of important Colorado land. Paid or volunteer, local or millions of acres, the beat goes on.

In the next few months we will be seeking help from members for our many projects, especially the nature center. We will be asking people to contribute what they can. And we hope TENAS members will offer their help. Please do not hesitate to call and ask what needs to be done. Whatever we are working on, even the most unenviable of tasks, such as cleaning the shed or pulling weeds in the wetlands at the lake or tidying up after the picnic, we have fun. In fact, the worse the conditions, the more we laugh.

The spirit of this organization is truly amazing. How else could we get so many giving people to be so committed to our goals?



Bird Business

Bird watching this winter has been rather slow. Thanks to our feeding stations we did have birds in our yards. Chickadees, nuthatches and juncos were very welcome.

Some of our members started the year out right. By the end of the day some had more than 25 species of birds on their year's list. Good way to start the year!

Eurasian-collared Doves are becoming established in parts of Colorado. Mike Krieger studied a flock of 30 in Salida in January.

Amy Guido had a Saw-whet Owl over her house near Conifer. Keep

Membership

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

NEW

Julia Barrett–Evergreen Julia Bermann–Evergreen Catherine Darrow–Evergreen Helene Jaeggi–Golden

NEW FAMILY

Thomas Altherr & Carole Gallagher– Conifer Marc & Kim Kouzmanoff–Evergreen Murray & Judy Moulding–Evergreen Jean & David Sharer–Evergreen Trish & Rune Tofte–Evergreen Paul Thisted & Janet Williamson– Evergreen

RENEWING

Ruth Alford–Evergreen Trish Baker–Evergreen Janet Brown–Morrison Bill Burnett–Evergreen John Ellis–Evergreen Charlie Ganse–Evergreen Chuck & Chris Gray–Evergreen Gisela Henderson–Evergreen Steven Hoffman–Indian Hills Tory Hurst–Evergreen Art & Judy Lange–Golden watching for these handsome owls.

Spring is on the horizon. Warren Roske found four Red-winged Blackbirds at Evergreen Lake on Jan. 28.

We all share with Karel Buckley the passing of her mother on Dec. 3. She will be missed by her friends.

Ginny Boschen is recovering very well from her recent fall. Keep your chin up, Ginny!

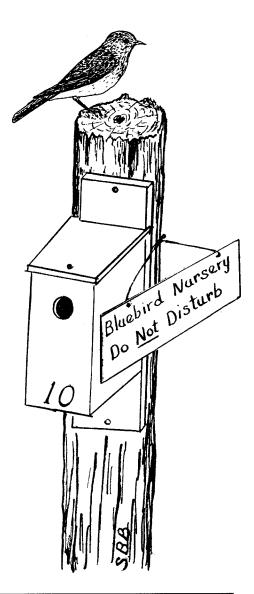
Now is the time to check all bird boxes. Make sure they are well cleaned out. Also, put up replacements where needed. Please volunteer with the committee.

- Bill Brockner

Kay Niyo–Evergreen Marilyn Rhodes–Evergreen Kent Simon–Evergreen

RENEWING FAMILY

Brad & Cindy Abramson–Conifer Janice & Kevin Easley–Pine Ted & Jeannie Mann–Evergreen Mark Meremonte & Margaret McDole– Evergreen Ted & Connie Ning–Evergreen Carmon Slater & Donald Randall– Evergreen Anne & Howard Spery–Evergreen



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The Royal Order of the Dipper was presented to these worthy recipients at the Annual Banquet. Left to right:

Rune and Trish Tofte, Dick Wulf, Marilyn Kaussner and Carolyn Fraker. Photo by Mark Meremonte

Awards Handed out at Banquet

At our annual banquet several people received the coveted Dipper awards. Sylvia Brockner awarded the Plant of the Year Dipper to Marilyn Kaussner for her many years fighting noxious weeds and identifying local plants.

Bill Brockner named Trish and Rune Tofte as recipients of the Bird of the Year award for the Varied Thrush in their yard part of last winter.

The Service award was given to Carolyn Fraker for her tireless work for the nature center, the board and the many jobs she took on that no one else seemed to want to do.

A Special Citation was awarded to Dick Wulf, recently retired executive director of the Evergreen Park and Recreation District, for his support of TENAS over many years, especially with respect to the nature center.

New officers were introduced and outgoing officers and board thanked. All attending enjoyed the program by Terry Grosz, the food and camaraderie.



Audubon's reward poster for illegal grizzly bear hunting is presented to Peggy Durham by Terry Grosz. *Photo by Mark Meremonte*



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Dr. Boschen Builds a Dream House

Decked out in Carhartt coveralls and a New York Giants cap (the day before the Super Bowl), Tom Boschen took command of a construction crew dedicated to building new and improved homes for baby bluebirds.

Veteran builders Eric Hogan and Jim Shelton set the pace for apprentices Ginny Boschen, Kay Niyo and Bud Weare. All of this took place in Dick Conrad's woodworking shop, a warm and wonderful setting graciously made available by Jane Conrad.

Jane also served lunch, pitched in with the work and insisted on purchasing the first two boxes off the Boschen assembly line. Dick's spirit lives on, and we trust that it inspires what we do where he once stood.

Tom spent weeks in preparation for the project: conducting research, gathering materials, engineering templates and jigs, ensuring that these nesting boxes would meet North American Bluebird Society specifications and that the construction would be pleasant and productive. Kay Niyo and Brad Andres, the bluebirds' best friends, served as ornithology advisers and John Sears, proprietor of the Evergreen Wild Bird Store, provided invaluable guidance and logistical support.

The new, high-end homes will sell for \$5 more than earlier models, but they are something to behold: more floor space, better air conditioning and a grand entrance graced with a security system (a copper-plated predator guard). Above all, we can boast that these bluebird nurseries were designed by a pediatrician.

Of course, TENAS will continue to provide housing for other species, especially chickadees and flickers. Jeff Geiger is the unsung hero of Northern Flickers. On his own, the Yankee Creek craftsman has spent untold hours constructing industrial-strength nesting boxes for the hefty inhabitants.

TENAS nesting box sales will take place March 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Evergreen and Conifer Safeway



Tom Boschen at work building bluebird boxes. Photo by Ginny Boschen

stores and at the Bergen Park King Soopers. Volunteer real estate agents should call Bud Weare at 303-679-8889.

Earth Day Help Needed

The annual Mountain Area Earth Day Fair will be held Saturday, April 19, at Evergreen Lake House. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The TENAS booth is always fun, busy and interesting and volunteer slots fill up quickly. As a TENAS representative, you'll have the opportunity to talk with your neighbors about local issues and promote important upcoming events such as the opening of the Nature Center, Community Weed Day and Dawn Chorus.

If you are interested in volunteering for a two-hour shift, or to help with setup or takedown, please leave a message for Susan Harper at 303-670-9377, or contact Cathy Shelton at 303-674-8610 or sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com.

Evergreen Nature Center Executive Director

Position: Executive Director, Evergreen Nature Center **Salary**: \$30,000 (3/4 time) **Website**: www.dipper.org

E-mail: enc@dipper.org

Deadline: Review began Feb. 10 and will continue until the position is filled. **Description**: The Executive Director will be responsible for the strategic direction, leadership and administration of the developing Evergreen Nature Center at Evergreen Lake. Under guidance of The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society Board of Directors, the Executive Director has broad authority to develop and lead the Nature Center. As a start-up facility, the Executive Director will have a unique opportunity (and significant autonomy) to plan, develop and operate a new Nature Center in a beautiful, mountain lakeside setting. The challenge will be to build a self-sustaining nature center in a short amount of time.

Responsibilities include: Primary responsibilities include program and exhibit development, volunteer staff development and supervision, financial management, fundraising, public relations and site management.

Experience Requirements: BS in related field, MS preferred. Successful advancement as a professional in the field of environmental education or conservation, and administrative/supervisory experience as a director or administrator of a similar organization.

Apply: Send applications and resumes to: Executive Director Search, TENAS, P.O. Box 523, Evergreen, CO 80437.



2007 Evergreen-Idaho Springs CBC

We held the 38th Evergreen-Idaho Springs Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 16. The annual event attracted 52 field observers and 19 feeder-watchers.

Although we had some gusty winds in the morning, the day was clear with high temperatures in the 40s. Observers and feeder watchers did better than average, tallying 50 species and a total of 5,628 individual birds.

Bob Santangelo and his team found

a new species for the count in Hiwan–a male Great-tailed Grackle.

Rarely tallied species that we recorded in 2007 included a single Merlin and the injured female Wood Duck that had been hanging around Evergreen Lake since last summer.

Observers and feeder-watchers also produced the highest count we have ever recorded for Pine Grosbeaks (51 individuals) and Dark-eyed Juncos (669 birds). A summary of the numbers of all species we observed, in comparison to past years, is provided in the table below. Thanks to all who participated, the Phillipses for hosting the tally rally, Lori Hogan for making the chili, Barbara Jean Gard for organizing the feeder-watchers, and Tom Van Erp for serving as compiler for the last several years.

- Brad A. Andres

	Average	% of years	Average birds/hr	2007		High count	
	birds/yr			number	birds/hr	number	year
Canada Goose	7	30	0.07			70	90
Wood Duck	<1	3	0.00	1	0.01	1	93/07
American Wigeon	<1	3	0.00			2	96
Mallard	46	81	0.48	75	0.76	235	93
Northern Pintail	<1	5	0.00			1	96/98
Green-winged Teal	<1	3	0.00			1	81
Chukar	<1	3	0.00			1	80
Blue Grouse	<1	11	0.00			12	94
Wild Turkey	39	76	0.41	43	0.43	110	04
Great Blue Heron	<1	5	0.00			1	88/90
Bald Eagle	1	41	0.01			4	91
Northern Harrier	<1	14	0.00	1	0.01	2	04
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<1	24	0.00			3	06
Cooper's Hawk	<1	24	0.00			1	several
Northern Goshawk	1	54	0.01			3	72/87
Red-tailed Hawk	10	100	0.11	18	0.18	35	05
Ferruginous Hawk	<1	11	0.00			2	98
Rough-legged Hawk	1	46	0.01			11	85
Golden Eagle	3	84	0.03	5	0.05	8	89
American Kestrel	1	46	0.01	2	0.02	4	87
Merlin	<1	3	0.00	1	0.01	1	89/07
Prairie Falcon	<1	3	0.00			1	82
Wilson's Snipe	1	70	0.01	1	0.01	4	78/91/00
Rock Pigeon	78	86	0.81	64	0.64	212	81
Mourning Dove	<1	3	0.00			1	93
Great Horned Owl	1	46	0.01	2	0.02	2	several
Northern Pygmy-Owl	<1	30	0.01			4	95
Long-eared Owl	<1	5	0.00			1	74/82
Northern Saw-whet Owl	<1	3	0.00			1	70
Belted Kingfisher	2	84	0.02	1	0.01	6	04
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<1	3	0.00			1	80
Downy Woodpecker	27	100	0.28	31	0.31	49	00

Summary of birds observed on the 2007 Evergreen-Idaho Springs Christmas Bird Count and average counts over the last 37 years. High count years and numbers are provided. Hours are party-hours.



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	Average	% of Average		2007		High count	
	birds/yr	years	birds/hr	number	birds/hr	number	year
Hairy Woodpecker	41	100	0.42	56	0.56	63	84
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	<1	22	0.00	1	0.01	3	79/89
Northern Flicker	12	100	0.13	23	0.23	35	06
Loggerhead Shrike	<1	11	0.00			1	several
Northern Shrike	4	97	0.04	6	0.06	13	86
Gray Jay	15	100	0.16	4	0.04	53	77
Steller's Jay	269	100	2.78	170	1.71	446	00
Blue Jay	<1	5	0.00			1	95/00
Western Scrub-Jay	2	43	0.02	6	0.06	14	93
Pinyon Jay	5	3	0.06			200	72
Clark's Nutcracker	28	97	0.29	7	0.07	108	78
Black-billed Magpie	172	100	1.78	174	1.75	293	00
American Crow	586	100	6.06	819	8.25	1,519	00
Common Raven	113	100	1.17	180	1.81	200	72
Horned Lark	1	8	0.01			15	86
Black-capped Chickadee	66	100	0.69	110	1.11	170	95
Mountain Chickadee	475	100	4.91	571	5.75	786	75
Plain Titmouse	<1	3	0.00			1	82
Red-breasted Nuthatch	48	100	0.50	69	0.69	127	93
White-breasted Nuthatch	63	100	0.65	83	0.84	112	01
Pygmy Nuthatch	339	100	3.50	539	5.43	798	95
Brown Creeper	12	100	0.13	15	0.15	23	75
Canyon Wren	1	41	0.01	2	0.02	5	81
Winter Wren	<1	8	0.00	<u>∠</u>	0.02	2	75
American Dipper	19	100	0.20	17	0.17	37	87
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	51	0.20		0.17	18	84
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<1	16	0.00		+ + +	2	83/91
Mountain Bluebird	<1	3	0.00			2	92
Townsend's Solitaire	67	97	0.69	44	0.44	202	82
American Robin	127	95	1.32	2	0.02	1,500	72
Northern Mockingbird	<1	3	0.00		0.02	1,300	78
Brown Thrasher	<1	14	0.00		<u>}</u>	1	-
European Starling	136	+	ł – – ł	106	1.07	301	several 00
		100	1.41	136	1.37		80
Bohemian Waxwing Cedar Waxwing	50 9	35 14	0.51 0.09		┼───┼	580 163	87
Spotted Towhee	<1	14	0.09	1	0.01	4	75
Cassin's Sparrow	<1	3	0.00	1	0.01	4	75
American Tree Sparrow	3	46	0.00		┼───┼	37	84
•	<1	46	0.03		┼───┼	1	84 83
Clay-colored Sparrow	<1	8	0.00		┼───┼	1	83 75/76/83
Fox Sparrow		+	0.00	7	0.07		
Song Sparrow	4	92	<u>↓ </u>	7	0.07	12	93
White-throated Sparrow	<1	5	0.00		<u> </u>	1	84/06
Harris's Sparrow	<1	8	0.00		┼───┼	2	80
White-crowned Sparrow	<1	8	0.00		<u> </u>	1	71/89/00
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<1	3	0.00			1	93
Dark-eyed Junco	541	100	5.55	669	6.74	669	07
(Slate-colored Junco)	83	100	0.83	142	1.43	293	76
(White-winged Junco)	56	100	0.57	55	0.55	232	74
(Oregon Junco)	93	100	0.93	50	0.50	276	80 d on next page



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	Average	% of Average years birds/hr	Average	2007		High count	
	birds/yr		number	birds/hr	number	year	
(Gray-headed Junco)	158	100	1.58	167	1.68	413	82
(Pink-sided Junco)*1	15	0.37	0.15	70	0.70	70	07
Red-winged Blackbird	35	54	0.37	22	0.22	500	91
Common Grackle	<1	5	0.00			3	93
Great-tailed Grackle	0	0	0.00	1	0.01	1	07
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	138	89	1.58	2	0.02	429	84
Black Rosy-Finch	7	62	0.12			70	04
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	16	48	0.35	74	0.75	140	04
All Rosy-Finches	138	89	1.39	76	0.77	429	84
Pine Grosbeak	12	76	0.12	51	0.51	51	07
Cassin's Finch	171	100	1.77	154	1.55	474	88
House Finch	132	97	1.37	313	3.15	430	06
Red Crossbill	70	89	0.72	50	0.50	643	82
White-winged Crossbill	1	8	0.01			16	70
Common Redpoll	4	30	0.05			30	70
Pine Siskin	206	89	2.13	271	2.73	678	96
American Goldfinch	18	70	0.18	7	0.07	176	00
Evening Grosbeak	144	100	1.49	14	0.14	420	95
House Sparrow	102	92	1.06	153	1.54	377	00

Calling All Artists for TENAS Show

TENAS members have an opportunity to exhibit their art abilities during the month of May at Evergreen Library.

The subject must be natural history (animals, birds, wildflowers, vistas, etc.) and be original work of the donor.

Any media will be approved, such as oil, watercolor, pastel, pencil, ink, fiber (especially small quilts), prints, collages and photography.

Please keep the work fairly small, nothing more than 30 inches by 30 inches.

Have the work ready for hanging (wires for framed pictures). Fiber pieces should have a wood slat in a slipcase on the back with two eye-rings.

Please direct any questions to Kay Niyo, 303-679-6646, Carmon Slater,

303-674-8394, or Polly or Walt Phillips, 303-674-7744.

The work can be for sale but prices will not be displayed as it is against library policy; potential buyers may call Kay, Carmon, Polly or Walt.

Finally, deliver the work NO LATER THAN April 28 to Kay Niyo's home at 25100 Sunset Lane.

- Kay Niyo

Field Trips and Outings

Sunday, March 16 Elk Meadow Park Leader: Brad Andres, 303-670-0101

Sunday, March 30 Mount Glennon Leader: Mike Foster, 303-456-2647 Meet at 8 a.m. at the Lewis Ridge Road parking lot. Bring water and snacks, and plan on two hours in the field. This is one of the sites we will be surveying in the new Bear Creek Atlas project, so in addition to looking for winter birds, we will practice field methods and address your questions.

Next in the series of practice trips, to learn about the new BCA project. Mount Glennon is an interesting mix of Plains and Montane habitats. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Morrison Park, in Morrison, just off Highway 8. Call Mike if you need directions. We'll carpool from there to a private property access. Up to half a day. Call Mike so he'll know how many to expect.

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

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