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EVERGREEN AUDUBON NEWSLETTER

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## Bevy of bird houses up for bid at Bash on Sept. 7

There's still time to get your tickets for the second annual Bird House Bash Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Evergreen Lake House.

If you didn't receive an invitation in the mail, tickets are available at Evergreen Nature Center, Everbean coffee shop in the Lakepoint Center and at Evergreen Wild Bird Store in Bergen Park.

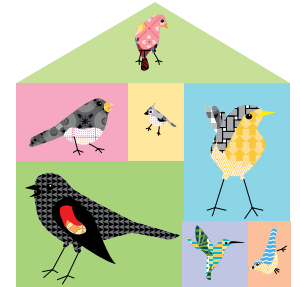
Regular tickets are \$45 per person; patron tickets are \$75 per person.

A benefit for the Nature Center, the evening will feature appetizers, wine and beer at the Nature Center at 5:30 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., guests will move to the Lake House for dinner and entertainment, as well as spirited silent and live auctions.

A highlight of the evening will be the silent auction. Twenty mountain-area artists have created one-of-a-kind hand-decorated bird houses that will be put up for bid.

Also on the auction block will be a number of compelling adventure opportunities.

The bird houses are on display at Lakepoint Center businesses and in the Nature Center.



*An American Pipit graces the scenery on Mount Evans July 31. Photo by Alistair Montgomery*

## 'Wild Birding Colorado' the competitive way

Colorado native Cole Wild will offer an insider's view of the world of competitive bird watching in Colorado at the Thursday, Sept. 1, Evergreen Audubon chapter meeting.

His recently published book, "Wild Birding Colorado," provides a thrilling account of Cole's amazing feat of establishing a new record for most bird species seen in one year, 412 species, a Colorado BIG YEAR.

The entertaining narration by the author not only recounts comical and tense situations encountered during his extensive travels, but also provides a treasure chest of birding tips for where and when to find some of the state's most elusive species.

Most of the birds Cole observed as part of his Colorado Big Year were photographed, and many of his best shots will be displayed as part of his presentation.

After the presentation, Cole will be available to sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale before and after the presentation.

Wild is a 26-year-old naturalist from Loveland. He began birding at age 19 when he first noticed a Western Tanager and viewed its beautiful colors through binoculars.

He became an avid birder, and eventually held bird-survey jobs in Colorado, Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida and Mexico. In 2010, he decided to try to break the record for the Colorado Big Year.

His account of his record-breaking year was coauthored by Colorado biologist Nicholas Komar. The book is available for purchase online at [OutskirtsPress.com](http://OutskirtsPress.com) as well as other major book outlets.

The chapter meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road (across from Evergreen Library) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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

**Evergreen Audubon Board Needs You!**

**WANTED:** retired billionaire environmentalist, birder, outgoing and motivated, expert at Excel spreadsheets and web-page development, board experience, loads of free time and energy.

OK, maybe that's asking too much, but we will need some enthusiastic individuals next year for the Evergreen Audubon board of directors. There are no prerequisites other than a desire to contribute. It's not too early to think about joining this worthy team and effort.

We've been very fortunate to have rather impressive individuals and strong commitments from our current board, but we'll be looking for several replacements as some members have served their terms—paid their dues, so to speak.

As always, the board needs both experienced Audubon stalwarts and eager newcomers to balance out the where-we're-going with the what-we-are and where-we've-been.

As of this writing, it's not clear how many positions will be open, but please consider joining the EA board as an opportunity to serve the community and the Audubon Society, and to promote the activities at which we excel: enjoying, conserving, protecting and informing the community about the natural environment.

The board positions are shown in the contact section of every *Dipper*; more detailed information, including the organization, structure and position descriptions, are available on our web site at www.evergreenaudubon.org under "About Us."

As always, feel free to contact any board member directly to chat. More information pertaining to specific directorships will be forthcoming as the Nomination Committee further surveys the situation.

Congratulations to Polly and Walt Phillips on their 60th anniversary and Polly's 80th birthday!

Polly and Walt's continued generosity to Audubon was exemplified by their request for their party guests to donate to the Evergreen Nature Center rather than giving presents.

What a great idea, and what's more, they offered to match the first \$3,000 donated (which was easily reached)!

**VIP VOLUNTEERS** DAVID WALD

- Lead Volunteer Assistant **Matt Mitchell** continues to educate and build rapport with so many ENC visitors. He's a real natural at it. Great job, Matt!

- A huge "thanks" to **Marge Petersen** for organizing the Chapter Membership Social at the Nature Center on Aug. 11. The evening wine-and-appetizer social was great fun—a perfect evening at the lake to catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

The evening was purely a celebration of Audubon members and Nature Center volunteers. You might have noticed that the wine bottles all featured bird themes!

# EA wreath fundraiser offers great variety

Need the perfect holiday gift? Evergreen Audubon has lovely and reasonably priced balsam fir holiday wreaths for sale.

We're offering three different types of 25-inch wreaths available for in-town pick up (\$20, \$25 and \$26) and four for out-of-town delivery (\$29, \$34 and \$35). Pictures

of all of the wreaths are posted on our web site at [www.evergreenaudubon.org](http://www.evergreenaudubon.org).

If you would like to place an order, call Marilyn Rhodes at 303-674-9895 or email her at [cloverlane@aol.com](mailto:cloverlane@aol.com). Orders are due by Oct. 28.

Payment, by cash or check, for in-

town wreaths is due at pickup and for out-of-town wreaths at time of order. The wreaths should be delivered just before Thanksgiving.

Please support Evergreen Audubon by participating in this important fundraiser and get ready for the holidays now!



*A hot time was had by all on the Copper Bar Ranch in July (see Field Note below).*

## FIELD TRIPS KAREL BUCKLEY

### Under the Milky Way Evergreen Lake House Saturday, Sept. 24, 7:15 pm

Join amateur astronomer Pam Little for a tour of the night sky. Participants will learn how to use a star chart and a star clock, hear ancient star stories and locate star shapes and planets in the night sky. Bring a blanket or camp chairs.

All ages. Class size: 25.

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS DAVID WALD

The Evergreen Audubon board decided that a decision on moving monthly chapter meetings to Buchanan Fire House would be put on hold pending further information about accommodations. Membership feedback is welcome.

## FIELD NOTE KAREL BUCKLEY

On July 23, 15 of us gathered in Edwards at Bill and Louise Mounsey's daughter's family ranch, the Copper Bar.

It was a very warm weekend at 8,600 feet. Most decided sitting on the covered porch watching the cow parsnip grow and sipping lemonade was the best idea.

By late afternoon, however, Bill took us on a driving tour of the ranch. There were amazing views, the flowers were gorgeous, and the cattle, horses, chickens, birds, all fun to see.

We shared a delicious potluck dinner

by the campfire under the shade trees.

Eight of us stayed and slept at the ranch while the others went into town for lodging.

Those of us that stayed were lulled to sleep by the creek, and awakened by the roosters!

On Sunday while most departed for the interstate traffic, three of us went on a four-hour hike, running from shade to shade—boy, was it hot up there.

We didn't gain much mileage because of the heat, but the wildflow-

ers were great, including giant green gentians, five feet tall!

The ranch's garden is unbelievable, thanks to Diana and Kerry and a great fence around it. The vegetables and flowers are gorgeous. We sampled radishes and envied the lettuce, potatoes, strawberries and flowers.

Thanks very much to Louise and Bill for arranging this trip, and to Diana for her family's hospitality.

We all felt very privileged to spend time at the Copper Bar Ranch!

## BIRD BUSINESS COMPILED FROM EVERGREENAUDUBON.ORG: LOCAL SIGHTINGS

John Sears observed a beautiful female **Western Tanager** bug-catching in the aspens in his Kings Valley back yard the morning of Aug. 13.

Sherman Wing reported on Aug. 17

that he'd been seeing **Evening Grosbeaks** in Indian Hills off and on for about a week.

On Aug. 18, Marilyn Rhodes still had a pair of **Rufous Hummingbirds** hang-

ing out at her feeders. They were no doubt tanking up for a long flight south.

Marilyn was so glad to see **Evening Grosbeaks** at her feeders on Aug. 18.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 1	Chapter Meeting	7 pm	Church of the Hills
Sept. 7	Bird House Bash	5:30 pm	Nature Center/Lake House
Sept. 10	Newsletter deadline	5 pm	
Sept. 22	EA Board meeting	6 pm	Nature Center
Sept. 24	Under the Milky Way	7:15 pm	Evergreen Lake House

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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