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ALOHA, SHERMAN!

A large group of Sherman Wing's birding buddies got together at the Mt. Falcon covered picnic area on July 26 to surprise him with a farewell picnic.

Sherman, a longtime Evergreen Audubon member and avid bird photographer who is moving to Hawaii, was anticipating a very small get-together—maybe six or eight folks.

When he saw all these birders invading our picnic area he realized he'd been duped!

But he was thrilled to have another chance to say aloha to his Colorado birding mates

The potluck was delicious, the weather was terribly cold for a July evening, but the company was delightful.

To top off a terrific surprise, our own clever and musically talented Marilyn Rhodes composed a farewell song to the tune of "Aloha Oe" (Farewell to Thee, Until We Meet Again), famously, sung by Elvis Presley in "Blue Hawaii."

Everyone knows the tune, but Marilyn changed the words. Considering we didn't practice, the song was sung (and hummed) beautifully.

The lyrics were hilarious and sweetly written just for Sherm with a few inside jokes.

We'll all miss seeing Sherman's exciting bird photos he sends regularly to the "Evergreen Birders" as he traveled across the state for his job, sometimes wandering into Wyoming.

He always made time to find some good birds along the way and keep us posted.

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Go wild at this year's Bash Sept. 27

Come get a little wild at this year's Bash, Saturday, Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m. at Hiwan Golf Club.

A hosted bar, delicious food, a lively auction, paddle raise to support Evergreen Nature Center, entertainment and great company promise a lessthan-tame evening for all.

You may find yourself, foxtrotting or "gaming" with your neighbors.

2014 marks the Nature Center's seventh year at Evergreen Lake.

The number of visitors to the center, as well as

the number and variety of programs being offered there, has steadily increased since the center's inception.

In recent years, ENC has hosted 15,000 visitors annually and has served the community with school outreach programs, weekly summer camp classes, and evening programs for adults and families.

The Respectful Recreation campaign, started with funding in 2013, encourages awareness and responsibility for anglers and other Evergreen Lake users.

This program and others are quickly establishing Evergreen Nature Center as an important community asset.

Your support at this year's Bash and Fundraiser will ensure Evergreen Nature Center is a key part of the mountain



"Just Passin' Through" @ Shane Dimmick

community. Continued funding would allow us to reach more schools, enhance the center's exhibits, establish additional programs and find new ways to foster contagious enthusiasm for our natural world and its wild neighbors.

Tickets are \$50 per guest or \$75 for patrons. Send your payment with the reply card included in your invitation or register online at EvergreenNatureCenter.org.

If we missed you in our mailing, please call Ginny Ades at 720-308-3394 for an invitation.

If for any reason you cannot attend the Bash and Fundraiser, donations to the Nature Center are gladly accepted.

Ginny Ades,
 Development Chair

Celebrate wilderness with Peg Linn

More than 50 years ago, Americans were trying to conquer the wilderness. Today, many people are still trying to conquer wilderness, but in different ways.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, find out about some of the farsighted and perceptive people who conceived of preserving America's wild and remote spaces from human intervention during a presentation by Peg Linn, Evergreen Audubon board member and veteran of the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Audubon monthly chapter meetings return to the Church of the Hills in Septem-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BRAD ANDRES

How quickly the summer flies by! Bluebirds were finished nesting by the first week of August, and I have been hearing chips of dispersing sparrows and warblers—time to start looking for fall migrants.

Evergreen Nature Center will continue to operate through September and part of October, so please check out the program offerings and stop by for an autumn visit. We can always use your help staffing the Nature Center during weekends in the fall. I am sure you are aware of the Nature Center fundraiser on Sept. 27, so I hope to see you all there!

In this issue of *The Dipper*, you will find information on the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964. This is pertinent to us as Evergreen Audubon members, because many of us enjoy the Mt. Evans Wilderness.

Did you also know that the Lost Creek Wilderness stretches from Grant to Tarryall, and is administered as part of the Pike National Forest? To celebrate the anniversary of the Wilderness Act, there will be a "Walk for Wilderness" on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The walk will follow the Pioneer Trail, beginning in Bergen Park and ending at Evergreen Lake House, where Evergreen Audubon will have a booth at the Wilderness Expo.

Information on the walk can be found at EvergreenWalkForWilderness.com. Our September program will feature the history of the Wilderness Act.

That Saturday (Sept. 6) is also the first World Shorebirds' Day. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about the unique biology of this group of birds and the myriad of threats they face during their twice-yearly migrations from Arctic breeding grounds to wintering areas as far south as Tierra del Fuego.

Part of the day is to get out to make a shorebird count. Because this is prime time for shorebirds making their way through Colorado, I plan to make 15-hour shorebird blitz from Julesburg Reservoir in far northeastern Colorado to the wetlands surrounding Lower Latham Reservoir.

If you would like to join me for all or part of the shorebird blitz, please drop me a line or call me at 720-226-7614.

Sites I plan to survey include Julesburg Reservoir (6:30 a.m.), North Sterling Reservoir (10 a.m.), Prewitt Reservoir (noon), Jackson Lake (3 p.m.), and Lower Latham (6 p.m.).

Information on the celebration can be found at http:// worldshorebirdsday. wordpress.com.

I plan to report on the results in the next *Dipper*.



Two brown highway signs were installed by CDOT last month along highway 74 to direct drivers to the Evergreen Nature Center. Special thanks to Ann Dodson for her diligent follow-up with CDOT to make it happen. Photo by Kathy Madison

Special song lyrics honor Sherman's departure

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In many ways, the traveling salesperson reminds me of an old mentor many Evergreen birders honed their skills with over the years.

Bill Brockner had the perfect job for a serious birder and so has Sherman. There's always time to pull off the road for a look at a Brown Thrasher, Gray Flycatcher or the odd Nighthawk lying peacefully on a branch sleeping in the middle of the day.

Please enjoy these photos from the Aloha Picnic for Sherman and the words to the touching song written by Marilyn. To get the proper tune in your head, view this video of Elvis singing the popular melody, which starts at 1:10 as Elvis crawls into the canoe: youtube. com/watch?v=5b3snnSMe3w.

Aloha, my birding buddy-better get the guest room ready and scope out those Honeycreepers!

Be sure to send us some photos of the Blue-footed Booby and those interesting Shearwaters!

- Susan Harper

Aloha, Sherman Lyrics by Marilyn Rhodes

Aloha Oy, California Boy Peddle-pushers might work better in Panoa They beat kids here Who wear such gear Please don't risk that fate again

Aloha Oy, Retiring Boy, No more playing when you ought to work Just say the word You're free to bird Until you get an even count

Aloha Oy, Our Birding Boy Pornithology you'll study here no more We'll miss excited fits, But not your spit, When you see birds copulate

Aloha Oy, Honorable Chinese Boy O charming one who cooks like Wings before him We'll miss your meals Of foods that heal We hope you'll cook for us again

Aloha Oy, Hawaiian Boy Your friends will visit you from distant shores Says Confucious, "True, When luck visits you, Everyone will know just where you live."

Farewell to thee, farewell to thee, Be not afraid of going slowly Be only afraid Of standing still Enjoy your wonderful new life

Aloha Oe, Aloha Oe Thou long-haired hippie who will dwell in Eden One fond embrace Before you go...and Until we meet again Until we meet AGAIN Till we meet again.



Birding Buddies, left to right: Bob Santangelo, Susan Harper, Sherman Wing, Rob Raker, Marilyn Rhodes. *Photo by Jeanette Strom*



Front row, left to right: Phyllis Borghesi, Mark Harper holding Molly Brown Harper, Jordan Spalding, Karen Von Saltza, Jeanette Strom, Bob Holmes, Bill Eden. Middle row: Chris Pfaff, Melissa Irwin, Megan Miller, Sherman Wing, Melody Madonna, Joe Hutchison, Rob Raker. Back row: Susan Harper, Warren Roske, Mark Meremonte, Larry White, Dick Prickett, Jo Seavy, Margaret McDole. *Photo by Lori Hogan*

Youngsters take over birding scene in midsummer

Yard Birds

On July 23, Ann Dougherty shared a photo of baby **Broad-tailed Humming-birds** in a nest over her front door.

On Aug. 11, Ann stopped by the Soda Creek pond and saw a group of 16 **Bluewinged Teal** and a male adult **Belted Kingfisher**, the first time she'd seen him at the pond since last year.

Donald Randall and Carmon Slater had a **Common Poorwill** fly up from their driveway in front of their car just after dark in early June. The bird had been heard calling near their home on Stagecoach for several days.

On July 23, they reported something just as special, "a **Canyon Wren** continues to sing in the mornings from the rocky cliff above our house."

On the morning of Aug. 7, Irma Wolf had two **Gray-headed Juncos** on her deck. "They show up to eat the seeds from the mistletoe. They both had very distinctive white tails, with only a thin gray stripe in the middle, as opposed to the book, which shows a gray tail with a couple white tail feathers on each side of the tail."

The rain brought a steady stream of visitors to my home feeders in Hiwan Hills last month: Broad-tailed and Rufous Hummingbirds, Lesser Goldfinches, Steller's Jays, House Finches, Red Crossbills, Evening Grosbeaks, Blackheaded Grosbeaks, Hairy and Downy woodpeckers, Northern Flickers,



Baby Broad-tailed Hummingbirds on July 23. *Photo by Ann Dougherty*



Pa Western Tanager



Ma was a little suspicious . . .

Mourning Dove, American Crow, Black-billed Magpie, American Robin, Dark-eyed Juncos, Pine Siskin, Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatches and White-breasted Nuthatches.

Most of them brought their babies with them and I observed several feeding their young.

I was treated to an especially rare occurrence when a lovely family of **Western Tanagers** frequented my suet feeder in late July and early August.

They had one sweet little chick in tow that was the spitting image of them and one rather large, drab, greedy chick that someone apparently left on their doorstep.

The **Brown-headed Cowbird** is a stocky blackbird with a fascinating approach to raising its young. Females forgo building nests and instead put all their energy into producing eggs, sometimes more than three-dozen a summer.



Junior Western Tanager

Photos by Marilyn Rhodes



. . . but they fed him all day long. He demanded it!

They lay in the nests of other birds, abandoning their young to foster parents, usually at the expense of at least some of the host's own chicks.

So glad at least one of the tanager chicks survived. He and his "brother by another mother" hung out on the feeders together.

So Long, Little Copper Bullets

Evergreen residents are blessed with the arrival of **Rufous Hummingbirds** every year, usually in July, when they stop to rest and refuel as they make their way south. As you read this, most of them will have departed.

These little copper bullets are amazing because of the great distance they migrate from their wintering grounds in Mexico and the southern United States to their breeding grounds in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, western Canada and southern

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Alaska. In addition, they breed farther north than any other hummingbird.

The enormous migration route of the **Rufous Hummingbird** is important for two reasons. The lengthy circular migration route, which occurs primarily to the west of the Rocky Mountains in the spring and through the Rocky Mountains in the fall, makes the species unique and important for study.

And, this small bird plays an important role in plant reproduction by moving pollen from plant to plant on its winter grounds, breeding grounds and any area over which it migrates.

From Alaska to Mexico and throughout the western United States, the **Rufous Hummingbird** drinks nectar and pollinates flowers year-round throughout the thousands of miles of habitat that it visits annually. (USFWS)

Bear Creek Lake Park

On her way to volunteer at South Platte Park very early the morning of July 12, Cyndy Johnson noted that the **Red-tailed Hawk** chicks she'd observed in Bear Creek Lake Park off Morrison Road had fledged.

Kittredge

Trish Tofte and her Wednesday breakfast group were greeted by a **Black-crowned Night Heron** outside of the Bear Creek Tavern on July 9.

Genesee

I made two trips to Genesee Mountain

Park in June. As usual, the apartment trees were full of cavity-nesting birds: Pygmy Nuthatches, Violet-green Swallows, Western Bluebirds, Williamson's Sapsuckers.

Echo Lake

I spent some time at Echo Lake July 27 and Aug. 2. Barrow's Goldeneye nested at the lake again this year and I hit the jackpot with Corvids, seeing American Crows, Common Ravens, Steller's Jays, Black-billed Magpie, Clark's Nutcrackers and Gray Jays.

In the willows around the lake we found a fluffy young **Wilson's Warbler** foraging with its father. In the picnic area, we found three **Cordilleran Flycatcher** fledglings frolicking and fly catching.

Mount Evans

I drove to the summit of Mount Evans in July and made the trip again for the sunrise in August. Wildflowers were in peak bloom on the roadside and at Summit Lake and we saw **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches** foraging on the hillside.

A young **American Pipit** was spreading his wings in the Western paintbrush at Summit Lake and we enjoyed watch-



Bull moose. Photo by Marilyn Rhodes

ing Rocky Mountain goats herd their kids down the mountain.

Yellow-bellied marmot pups emerged from their burrows in early August and pika busily gathered and stashed grass for the winter.

Brainard Lake Mooseapalooza!

A friend and I went on a moose hunt at Brainard Lake, just west of Ward, on July 29.

We arrived before sunup around 5:45, Continued on page 7

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To subscribe to the Evergreen Birders email list to report and view local sightings, go to www.EvergreenAudubon.org and click on the Local Sightings link.

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Unless otherwise noted, the cost for classes is \$4 per participant or \$10 per family. Evergreen Audubon members enjoy a 50 percent discount.

Register for programs at EvergreenNatureCenter.org.

Evergreen Audubon Presents: 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. Free Event
Hosted at Church of the Hills

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Walk for Wilderness and Wilderness Expo Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Wilderness Expo is free; register for Walk at evergreenwalkforwilderness.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Walk for Wilderness is a family-friendly public event.

The Walk for Wilderness will cover 5 miles from Bergen Park to Evergreen Lake House.

Visit the Evergreen Nature Center Booth at the Wilderness Expo inside the Lake House any time!

Stargazing at Evergreen Lake, Mars and Saturn visible Saturday Sept. 20, 7:30–9:30pm Bring a blanket or camp chairs. Join amateur astronomer Pam Little each month for a tour of the night sky.

Meet on the west side of the lake parking lot.

Wilderness Act will be celebrated at Sept. 4 meeting

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ber, with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7 p.m.

Peg will discuss early proponents' struggles to preserve our wild lands and how their legacy and work continue. As in the past, existing or new wilderness areas face challenges to their existence. There are some who wonder if wilderness is a wise use of the land and whether more land should be added. Others feel the concept should remain, but maybe there should be a new approach to how it is managed.

Many of the impacts wilderness areas face today didn't exist 10 or 20 years ago. These impacts include the use of cellphones and tablets, which allow people to instantly share their experiences while in the wilderness or assist in locating a person who is lost or injured.

Yet, the idea of wilderness is to be able to leave civilization, even if briefly, and see what America was like when the first pilgrims set foot on this continent. Many Americans agree with Charles Lindbergh, "In wilderness I sense the *miracle* of Life."

Share in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act as Peg presents slides of various wilderness areas set to music and narration, along with trivia and a lighthearted discussion following the presentation. Find out about the many ways Americans are still trying to conquer wilderness and whether they are loving wilderness areas to death.

Peg spent 11 years with the U.S. Forest Service, talking with many groups about Leave No Trace (Respectful Recreation) in the wilderness or anywhere else they were recreating.

She also worked in the Denver regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Since retiring from EPA earlier this year, Peg was elected to the Evergreen Park and Recreation District board of directors.

Please join us on Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to meet your fellow Audubon members, enjoy some conversation and coffee, and then be inspired by Peg and her presentation.

As Henry David Thoreau said, "The West of which I speak is but another name for the Wild, and what I have been preparing to say is, that in Wildness is the preservation of the World."

- Ed Furlong, Education Director



Trappers Lake in the Flat Tops Wilderness Area. Photo by Peg Linn

Holiday wreath fundraiser kicks off

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 pickup and four for out-of-town delivery. Pictures of all of the wreaths and pricing will be posted soon on our website, 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. Orders are due by Oct. 29. 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!

- Marilyn Rhodes

'Fur trapper' entertains picnic-goers

It was a pleasant un-rainy day for the participants who attended Evergreen Audubon's annual picnic at Dedisse Park on July 19.

There were delicious barbecue meats from Tin Star Smokehouse and great appetizers, vegetable and salad dishes, and desserts. After our barbecue, we enjoyed a presentation by Jack Stone impersonating a 19th-century fur trapper and mountain man.

Jack related his adventures from the

Rocky Mountain fur trade. This first-person presentation included real history, some wild tales and the opportunity to see and touch some interesting artifacts. Jack is a published author and has written several books.

If you have an interest in 19th and 20th century history, be sure to check into "Shinin' Times" (in libraries, on Kindle), "Glory Days" (Kindle) and "The Serpent and the Bear" (Kindle).

- Janet Warner

BIRDING BOOKS JOANN HACKOS, EA DIRECTOR OF BIRD MONITORING

Reading Donald Kroodsma's "Birdsong by the Seasons" is much more than reading. It's an experience, a window into the conversations that birds have among themselves.

We had the privilege several years ago, at the Sterling conference of the Colorado Field Ornithologists, to go listening with Don Kroodsma. We had read his first book, "The Singing Life of Birds," and were anxious to learn more. Our small group left the hotel around 4:30 a.m. for a small wetlands.

There we listened through Don's headphones and his parabolic microphone to the Lark Sparrows as he recorded their dawn songs. Later, back at the hotel, he showed us the sonograms, slowing them down so that we could both see and hear the phenomenal complexity of the Lark Sparrow song.

It was a joy to realize that they could hear so much more and with so much more detail than us. We came to realize the birds hear amazingly better than humans do. Their songs are much more complex than we assume.

In "Birdsong by the Seasons," Kroodsma's second book, he begins recording on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at 6:30 a.m. in Lawrence Swamp, Amherst, Mass. He listens to a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers around their nest hole. He shares his experience of the woodpeckers with numerous passersby, some interested, others blasé.

However, it's one thing to read about the woodpeckers and learn something about their incredibly long tongues, which wrap around from the back of the throat and over the top of the head down into the bill. It's another thing to listen to their sounds along with Kroodsma.

Two CDs are included with the book. I downloaded them to my computer and copied to my iPad. I hear the kuk-kuk-kuk of the female, which gets considerably louder as she approaches the nest hole. I can follow the description of the recording in the Audio Book appendix. The description tells me that I should listen for her landing and the scuffling of her feet as she moves into the nest. I go back to recording and, sure enough, there it is.

It helps, by the way, to listen to the re-



Birdsong by the Seasons: A Year of Listening to Birds by Donald Kroodsma, Houghton Mifflin, New York, 2009

cordings through headphones. They bring the sound so close, it's as if you are there watching the nest hole too. Kroodsma also includes the sonograms so that you can see what the sound looks like. I can open the recording in Raven Lite so that I can watch the sonogram as the bird calls. And, I can slow the sound so that I can hear more of the detail.

Throughout the yearlong observations and recordings, Kroodsma helps us understand what to listen for. In June, we listen to Blackburnian Warbler males on their territories, singing through an hour-long dawn extravaganza. We learn that one of the birds disappears after sunrise. Where did he go? If he's defended a territory, why did he leave? Does he have another nest with another female somewhere else?

Here's how Kroodsma describes his experience:

"It is the best of mornings. This is what retirement is all about . . . the freedom to be among the birds, getting to know them, breathing their air and singing their songs. For a few brief hours, I have come as close as I can to being a Blackburnian Warbler . . . Yes, it is the best of mornings."

Although most of his recordings are on the East Coast, he takes us in May to the Pawnee National Grassland. That was the same May that we met him in Sterling. Reading and listening, I hear the tinkling notes of a Horned Lark, the skylarking of a Cassin's Sparrow, the bold song of the Lark Bunting and the sweeping song of the McCown's Longspur.

If you've been to the Pawnee in May and heard the songs, the recordings will sound as if you are there. Not only do you hear the target bird, you also hear all the other birds and the ambient sounds of the wind and even their wing beats. You hear in the background Western Meadowlarks, Mourning Doves and a Common Nighthawk.

I have many favorites in "Birdsong"—the dueling male Hermit Thrushes, the amazing roost of 30,000 American Robins in the depths of winter. But I am probably most intrigued by the Ruffed Grouse drumming in October.

Kroodsma manages to set his microphones only a few feet from the grouse's drumming ground. You hear his sounds as he flies in and his footsteps through the dry leaves. Then he begins his drumming, at such a low frequency that it's difficult to hear at first. He's beating his wings back and forth, creating a sonic boom. If you've heard this sound in the wild, you can feel it in your body even more than you hear it

Kroodsma reveals that much of the sound is such low frequency that it is beyond the lower threshold of human hearing. There is an avalanche of sound in the drumming that we cannot hear but is heard quite clearly by rival grouse. The lower and faster the beats, the more energy and strength are revealed.

"Birdsong by the Seasons" is an amazing experience, as I said at the beginning. Don't miss it.

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and immediately saw a bull moose in the middle of the willows. Soon two others emerged from the willows and joined him

Aloha, oy vey, Sherman

By the time you get this newsletter, Sherman Wing will be making his way to his

new home, the Big Island in Hawaii. (See story on page 1.)

His departure leaves a void that will be felt for quite some time. He has spear-headed many bird monitoring efforts, favored us with his culinary talents and most of all his good humor. I will especially miss his monthly contributions to this column.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 4	EA Chapter Meeting	7 pm	Church of the Hills
Sept. 6	Wilderness Expo and Walk for Wilderness	9 am-2 pm	Evergreen Lake House
Sept. 10	Newsletter deadline		
Sept. 20	Stargazing	7:30-9:30 pm	Evergreen Lake
Sept. 27	Evergreen Audubon Bash	6–9 pm	Hiwan Golf Club

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