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Community Weed Day

Join the fight against noxious weeds at Evergreen Lake on Saturday, June 27, from 8 to 11 a.m. Experts will be there to identify your mystery plants. Story on Page 3.

Garage Sale

Start saving your unneeded but still in good condition items for the Aug. 15 Garage Sale. See details on Page 5.

Nature Center

Classes and programs continue through the summer. Visit www.evergreen-naturecenter.org for up-to-date information on the summer schedule.

To volunteer for the important job of Visitor Assistant, call 303-330-0489 or visit the website.

Double Dipper

The next issue will include both September and October.

Reminder: No July Meeting

There will not be a Chapter meeting in July. The next Chapter meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 6.

Dipper Biomonitoring along the Arkansas River

The American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*) rarely strays from rushing water as it bobs, dives and swims to feed.

Although the Colorado population has been characterized as healthy and lacking special management needs, Boulder County and other government agencies have designated the dipper as a Species of Special Concern given its narrow habitat niche and value as a stream health indicator.

The dipper's diet consists almost entirely of aquatic insects and therefore may be exposed to contaminated surface water and sediment.

American Dippers are widely distributed in many upper elevation watersheds of the



American Dipper. *USFWS photo*

West that have been impacted by historic mining operations.

For example, dippers occur along the Ar-
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Annual Picnic—Saturday, July 11

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Picnic will be held in Dedisse Park, Site 1.

Schedule of Activities

4-6 p.m. Social hour, appetizers

6-7 p.m. Potluck supper, announcements and updates

7-8 p.m. The program will be the latest version of the Moron Tabernacle Choir staged by Marilyn Rhodes.

The club will furnish non-alcoholic beverages and the main course, barbecued chicken and beef. Please bring a potluck dish or beverage to serve eight people.

See the following alphabetical last-name list to determine what to bring. A fee of \$4 per person will be collected. The only alcoholic beverage allowed by Denver Mountain Parks is 3.2 beer.

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President's Message

Editor's note: Members of the TENAS Board will be alternating writing the President's Message.

Several years ago my neighbor, Brad, told me that he had attended a TENAS meeting and the only person to involve him in a conversation was Bill Brockner. No one else even acknowledged his presence.

Brad never went back. As I observe our chapter meetings today, I think that I can truthfully say that nothing much has changed.

Our Audubon club was recently described as being insular—which according to the dictionary means an island. I think this aptly portrays the assemblage prior to each monthly meeting.

Small groups gather like islands talking among themselves. This is somewhat understandable because TENAS members

are all good friends and when they often see each other only once a month they are anxious to catch up with each other's lives or to discuss environmental issues.

At such a meeting I brought a new member over to a group of chatting, laughing people and introduced her. Everyone smiled and said hello and continued on with the conversation. She and I were not included.

It is vital to the health of our club to bring in new members; they usually contribute fresh ideas and energy. It is also essential that each person takes a few minutes away from the comfort of friends and looks around to see if anyone seems to appear stranded.

Then involve him, her, them in whatever it is you are concerned with. Who knows? There might be someone ready to take on the job of president or Dipper editor. They just need to know what TENAS is all about.

- Sylvia Robertson

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TENAS Job Postings

Webmaster: Our Webmaster will be resigning as of July 1. If you or anyone you know has knowledge of maintaining a website and the willingness to take on this job, please contact me.

Audubon Colorado Representative: Audubon Colorado representatives meet three or four times a year, usually within a reasonable drive from Evergreen. AC deals with statewide lobbying and legislation. Each chapter sends a representative. This position is vacant now and the next meeting is June 27 (which would get you out of Weed Day).

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- To **Pat Carter** and **Betsy Kelson** for presenting a very timely class at the Nature Center aimed at identifying noxious weeds and what to substitute in their place in your yard.
- To **John Sears** for conducting a class on "Attracting More Hummingbirds."
- To **Lynne Price** for leading the flower walks.
- To **Tracy Stills** for heading up the Nature Center Benefit and to **Marilyn Kaussner** for creating the centerpieces and to all others who helped in preparation and execution of the event.
- To **Dave Balogh** and **Carolyn Fraker** for all they have done for TENAS over the years. We wish them well on their move to Buena Vista and hope they will sponsor a field trip in the area once settled.
- To **Natasha Currlin Japp** for setting up and maintaining our website for several years. Her work has allowed us to reach many people and publicize our programs. Thank you, Natasha.



Annual Picnic will be July 11

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A-G: dessert

H-L: appetizer

M-P: 3.2 beer

Q-Z: salad or vegetable

Note: In accordance with our recycling ethic, we are requesting that everyone bring his or her own reusable

utensils, plates, beverage glasses, and coffee cups (and take them home).

You may wish to bring a lawn chair; some picnic benches will be available, if you're quick. Please make your reservation with Louise and Bill Mounsey, 303-674-4695, by Sunday, July 5.

Let us know how many are in your

party, your phone number, and if you can bring an ice chest with ice. And please notify if you must cancel.

Sylvia Robertson, 303-674-1715, and Peggy Durham, 303-674-8648, will be coordinating the preparation and cleanup. Please call either of them if you can help setting up or cleaning up.

Dipper Biomonitoring along the Arkansas

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kansas River near Leadville, where mining produced gold, silver, lead and zinc for more than 130 years. Mining began in 1859 when prospectors working in Arkansas River tributaries discovered gold at the mouth of California Gulch.

Wastes generated during mining and ore processing remain on the land surface, wash into streams and leach contaminants into surface water. The resulting acidity and elevated concentrations of heavy metals such as copper, lead, zinc and mercury can be harmful to animals and plants inhabiting the streams.

Laura Archuleta, a wildlife biologist and participant in a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study of dippers and environmental contamination, will

be the speaker at the August TENAS meeting.

Laura studied at Colorado State University and in 1996 began working in the field of environmental contamination. As an employee of the USFWS Environmental Contaminants Program, Laura works on a variety of projects throughout the state, including abandoned mine cleanups, habitat and watershed restoration, hazardous materials spill response and pesticide contamination.

To assess historical mining-related impacts to the environment along the Arkansas River, the USFWS studied the potential effects of lead in surface water and sediment on the American Dipper.

Blood samples were collected from adult and nestling dippers, and analyzed for lead concentrations and a biomarker

enzyme. The results were compared to samples collected from a site not impacted by mining.

This study suggests that dippers have significantly higher blood lead concentrations and lower enzyme activity compared to reference values.

Please join us to learn more about the life history of the American Dipper, the study methods and relevance of the findings. Ms. Archuleta also will provide an overview of other studies that suggest this semi-aquatic bird may be sensitive to decreased water quality.

Our Thursday, Aug. 6, meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road (just west of Evergreen Library) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Guests are welcome. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow.

TENAS Jobs

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Editor of the Dipper. Our Editor and Assistant Editor will be resigning these positions at the end of the year. Being editor is a great way to learn everything you ever wanted to know about TENAS without leaving your computer. I have been editor and highly recommend it. We are looking ahead and hope one of you will consider this very rewarding job.

Please call me if any of these jobs is interesting to you. As I say, something for everyone.

- Peggy Durham
303-674-8648

Peggy.durham@comcast.net

Community Weed Day

Saturday, June 27
Evergreen Lake
8-11 a.m.

Join the "in crowd" at our 12th Annual Community Weed Day. We will start off with refreshments at 8 a.m., followed by weeding in teams until 11 a.m.

Volunteers will receive the newly updated "Noxious Weeds of Colorado." If you'd like to return your previous edition for reuse, bring it to Weed Day or the Evergreen Nature Center. PLEASE bring your own water bottle

to reduce the need for plastic! We'll have water available for refills.

Our knowledgeable weed experts will identify plants brought in by the public and we will present our famous display of local weeds. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and learn how to ID their noxious weeds. For more information, contact Cathy at sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com.

Our spring weather has invigorated weed growth so we need YOU to help. Many hands make light work of the weeds!



Bird Business

A Question

We have at least nine male Red Crossbills and an equal number of females at our seed feeders this morning, June 5—many more than we have grown accustomed to seeing.

On Wednesday this past week, we spotted a White Crowned Sparrow in our yard. Sibley's seems to indicate this is unusual for our area, especially considering that our home is in forested Ponderosa Pine habitat.

Perhaps the cold front from earlier in the week displaced this bird? We would be interested to hear local opinion whether this is a commonly seen bird in our area.- Tim and Marilyn Stechert

Reply

A White-crowned Sparrow down low that time of year is unusual. As you suggest, they breed at tree line in the mountains here. It could have been forced down by bad weather. - Brad Andres

Not the Usual Suspects

I have had quite a few Red Crossbills on my feeders for the past few days. Wonderful change from the usual suspects. - Peggy Durham

Birding Mexico

At the end of May, I joined three other birders and did a week-long birding adventure in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Our target birds were Thick-billed Parrots, on nest in tree cavities; Military Macaws, on a nest on the canyon walls, and the Eared Trogon.

All were found, along with more than 40 new life birds.

Here at home, in Indian Hills, I had Red Crossbills at the feeders and Common Nighthawks in the evening skies. - Sherman Wing

In Search of Owls

Do you know we in Evergreen may have nine different owls around us?

The most common, of course, is the Great Horned Owl. We may also have Pygmy Owl, Flammulated Owl, Long-eared Owl, Barn Owl, Saw-whet Owl and if at higher altitudes, the elusive Boreal Owl.

I understand that there is even a possibility of a Short-eared Owl or an Eastern Screech Owl at the lower altitudes of our membership region. So let's see, that is nine species of owls out of 19 species in North America!

Please call if you think you hear unusual sounds, especially at night. In the daytime, too, it is possible it may be an owl. We may hear them year-round, but particularly in the spring, January to May, when they are searching for a mate and then again after the mating and nesting season is over in August and September before their migration.

It would be wonderful to come and listen, or tape the call and see if we can find these special owls. What a contribution it would be to our local birding history to document these owls in our area.

If you are interested in helping to locate owls, please ask. It is a fun adventure, but it does involve night bird watching, often in the cold.

- Karel Buckley, 303-670-8859

Over Memorial weekend we heard the tremolo calls of two Lesser Nighthawks in the evening from our campsite. We were in the Lost Creek Wilderness far north of its range given in Sibley. - Margaret McDole and Mark Meremonte.



Eric and Pearl watch Western Bluebirds at Dawn Chorus. Photo by Karel Buckley



Spotted Sandpipers have been seen at Evergreen Lake this spring. Photo by Sherman Wing



Garage Sale will be Aug. 15

Thanks to Jane Stewart, we have a place to hold our Audubon Garage Sale this year. It will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 27172 Sun Ridge Drive, Kittredge (above the Black Hat Restaurant).

We'll be accepting donations and pricing them on Friday, Aug. 14. Volunteers are desperately needed for this event, which is actually a lot of fun.

We have learned from previous garage sales that some items just don't sell. Therefore, the following will not be accepted: clothes, televisions, computers, tires, paint, grills and ski equipment.

The success of this sale is dependent on your donations. Please be generous—clean out those closets and find

new homes for things you will never use anyway. All proceeds will go into the TENAS general fund.

Please mark your calendars to come on one or both of these days. Your ef-

forts will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, call Sylvia Robertson, 303-674-1715, or e-mail Peggy Durham, peggy.durham@comcast.net.

Pulling for Colorado

The Pulling for Colorado campaign is a statewide effort to provide invasive weed awareness, education and action. The second Saturday of each July is devoted to Pulling for Colorado events.

The Community Weed Awareness Campaign received a grant from Pulling for Colorado, which will fund educational materials and supplies for our upcoming events. On July 11, we will

be hosting education outreach events at both the Evergreen Safeway and the Conifer King Soopers.

Plan to stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to talk to our weed experts. You can also bring plants in for identification and control information. For more information on these and other statewide events, go to www.cwma.org/p4c.htm

- Cathy Shelton

Membership

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

New

David Brockner—Sloan, NY

New Family

Ed & Pat Work—Evergreen
Loraine & Dick Yeatts—Golden

Renewing

Judith Bird—Golden
Karel Buckley—Evergreen
Bill Burnett—Evergreen
Kit Darrow—Evergreen
Loie & John Evans—Evergreen
Steven Hoffman—Indian Hills
Sydney & Art Hogling—Evergreen
Robert & Sondra Inman—Evergreen
Janet Mallow—Howard, CO
Claudia Peterson—Evergreen
Linda Rockwell—Evergreen
Sue Roux—Evergreen
Mary Lou Seeliger—Columbine Valley
Sherman Wing—Indian Hills

Renewing Family

Jeanne & Terrel Brown—Evergreen
Sheila & Stanley Dunlavy—Evergreen
Catherine & Ray Petros—Golden
Sylvia & Bob Robertson—Evergreen
Martin & Joan Strand—Evergreen
Paul Thisted & Janet Williamson—Evergreen

Pika: Volunteering and Classes

Chris Ray, researcher at the University of Colorado, is offering a volunteer opportunity for people wishing to help evaluate the potential effects of climate change on the American Pika—the bustling icon of alpine communities.

She presented the May TENAS program on her research work with pikas. Volunteer activities will include assisting investigators in locating and mapping pika territories as well as habitat, weather and microclimate data collection.

Early risers are welcome to join in these research activities for one or more days from July 15 through Aug. 15.

Ms. Ray is also offering the class

“Pike Encounters” through the Boulder County Nature Association. The class will explore the nature and conservation status of pikas worldwide, with emphasis on our local species.

Participants will also visit pika habitats and learn tricks for photographing their spectacular foraging behavior. The indoor class will be Thursday, Aug. 6, 7 to 9 p.m., followed by a field class on Saturday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuition is \$65 (\$55 for BCNA members). Limited to 12 participants.

For more information about volunteering or to register for the class “Pika Encounters,” contact Chris Ray at 303-489-8863 or cray@colorado.edu.

Audubon Photography Contest

Audubon magazine is launching the 2009 Audubon Magazine Photography Awards: Birds in Focus.

“Originality and drama rank high at Audubon,” said Audubon’s design director Kevin Fisher. “Include tight shots, such as close-ups of eyes, feathers. We welcome uncommon perspectives.”

Audubon will accept submissions

online until July 15 in three categories: Professional, Amateur and Youth.

The winners will be announced in December and will see their work in Audubon and Nature’s Best Photography magazines. Prizes will be awarded.

Up to 10 images per entrant. For details, visit www.AudubonMagazinePhotoAwards.com.



Weed of the Month

The June Weed of the Month, Hoary cress (*Cardaria draba*) was introduced into this country from Asia and Eastern Europe, probably as a contaminant in alfalfa seeds.

It is a perennial and has an extensive, 10- to 15-foot-deep root system, making it difficult to eradicate. This plant pro-



Hoary Cress. Photo by Cathy Shelton

duces small, white, densely clustered flowers that grow in flat clusters at the tips of the branches; this gives it its common name—white top.

One mature plant produces from 1,200 to 4,800 seeds. Hoary cress grows from 10 to 18 inches high and usually blooms in late spring. Control of Hoary cress is most effectively done by chemicals or by cutting off seeds and bagging them.

Oxeye Daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*), our July Weed of the Month, looks pretty harmless, but crowds out native wildflowers and eliminates food for birds and wildlife.

Oxeye daisy is an erect, rhizomatous, creeping perennial that grows from 10 inches to 2 feet tall. It has toothed leaves that progressively decrease in size up the stem.

Each flower head is on its own branch; the flowers have 15 to 30 white petals with a yellow disk center. Seed longevity is about six to 10 years. It can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist, getting as much root as possible. Plants must be bagged to prevent seed dispersal.

- Community Weed Awareness Campaign

Bear Creek Atlas Sites and Leaders

Sites and leaders for the 2009 Bear Creek Watershed Breeding Bird Atlas Program (BCA). Contact the leaders to learn when surveying at these sites will take place. Beginners welcome.

This is a great way to learn the birds of our vicinity. More information at www.bcwbba.org.

Bell Park

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Cub Creek Park

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Flying J Ranch Park

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Genesee Park

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Hayden Green Mountain Park

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Mount Goliath Trail

Fran Enright, franenright@earthlink.net 303-674-2657

Mount Judge & Snyder Mountain

Fran Enright: see above

Red Rocks Park

Susan Harper, sharper74@msn.com 303-670-9377

Truesdell Creek Trail, aka Beartrack Lakes Trail

Brad Andres, heatherbrad1@yahoo.com 303-670-0101

Botany Group Walks

June 26, Friday; Apex Open Space

July 3, TBA

July 10, Friday; Golden Gate Canyon State Park

July 17, Friday; Grass Creek

July 24, Friday; Silver Dollar Lake

July 31, Friday; Butler Gulch

August 7, Friday; TBA

August 14, Friday; Loch Lomond

August 21, Friday; TBA

Please contact Lynne Price, 303-670-0840/trailwalker63@hotmail.com, for time, meeting place, length and difficulty of trip as well as suggested bring-alongs.



July/August Classes and Programs

For information, visit www.evergreennaturecenter.org. To register, phone 303-330-0489.

Friday, July 10, 8:45-10:30 p.m. Stargazing

Join amateur astronomer Pam Little for a tour of our universe. View celestial objects through telescopes. Dress for outdoors and bring camping-type chair/blanket for night-sky viewing. Bring binoculars if available. Meet behind Evergreen Lake House. Class size: 25. Ages: 3-plus.

Wednesday, July 15, Saturday, July 25 11 a.m.-noon

Worms: The Good Guys!

Julaine Kennedy will show kids why worms are good for the garden and the planet. Meet at nature center. Class size: 10. Ages: 3-8.

Friday, July 17, half-day trip Grass Creek Flower Walk

Lynne Price will lead this hike through the montane zone of the Mount Evans Elk Management Area. Easy to moderate difficulty. Register by Wednesday, July 15, 303-330-0489. Leader will e-mail participants with time and place to meet, carpooling arrangements and needed gear. Class size: 15. Ages: 12 to adult.

Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m.-noon Living with Wildlife

Colorado Division of Wildlife Officer John Murphy will present this fascinating program.

Saturday, July 25, 3-5 p.m. Summer Flowers at Evergreen Lake

Lynne Price will lead a walk around the lake to discover and identify summer flowers. Meet at nature center. Class size: 15. Ages: 15-plus.

Friday, July 31, most-of-day trip Butler Gulch Flower Walk

Lynne Price will lead a hike in the subalpine/alpine zone of the Jones Pass/Empire area. Moderate to more difficult. See further details from July 17 walk listing.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 10-11 a.m. Living with Coyotes

Ashley Delaup, Denver Mountain Parks wildlife ecologist. Meet at nature center. Class size: 25. Ages: 10-plus.

Friday, Aug. 14, 8:15-10 p.m. Stargazing

Please see details from July 10.

Friday, Aug. 14, most-of-day trip Loch Lomond Flower Walk

Lynne Price will lead a hike in the subalpine

zone of the St. Mary's Glacier area. Moderate difficulty. See further details from July 17 walk.

Saturday, Aug. 15, 9-11 a.m. Sustainable Design for Your Home

Presenter: Ginny Ades, Certified RESNET Home Energy Rater. Come for discussion, a demonstration of a home energy audit and DIY projects to improve your home's energy efficiency. Meet at nature center. Class size: 25. Ages: 15-plus.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-noon All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Weeds

Join Cathy Shelton of the Community Weed Awareness Campaign for a frank discussion. Each participant will receive a "Garden Smart" booklet. Meet at nature center. Class size: 15. Ages: 15-plus.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-noon Gardening from the Ground Up

Learn about your garden soil's quality and its needs from former Evergreen Garden Club president Julaine Kennedy. Bring a sealable bag with a scoop of your garden soil and discover one of the primary steps to growing healthy plants. Class size: 12. Ages: adult.

Book Launch and Art Show

Former Evergreen resident and writer Dyana Z. Furmansky will be the speaker at TENAS' Sept. 3 meeting, where she will tell the story of the once famous Rosalie Edge, a New York socialite, suffragist and conservation heroine who deserves credit for helping to launch the modern environmental movement.

Ms. Furmansky has recently completed a book on Edge's life, "Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy," to be released in July.

The Evergreen Fine Art Gallery will host a book launch/art show on Friday, Aug. 7. The gallery is located at 3042 Evergreen Parkway.

For more information, contact the gallery at efa@evergreenfineart.com.

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August 6	Chapter Meeting
August 7	Evergreen Fine Arts Reception
August 15	Garage Sale

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First Thursday at 7 p.m.
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