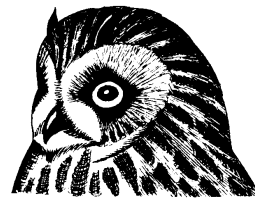


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PROGRAMS

EGGAN YOUTH CENTER *

SEPTEMBER 19, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

Wildlife Rehabilitation - Lori Klimas, Moscow Animal Clinic, will give a program on Wildlife Rehabilitation. Lori is a private rehabber and works closely with the Wildlife Rehab Center at Washington State University Veterinary Hospital. Her specialties include raptors, small to medium mammals (especially raccoons), and songbirds. She also works closely with other regional rehabbers.

OCTOBER 17, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

Lolo Trail and the Corps of Discovery - Mary Aegerter, local author and hiker, will provide a program on the Lolo Trail and the route of the Corps of Discovery. Mary has been walking trails off of the Lolo Motorway for the past two summers and has assisted several authors attempting to retrace the Corps of Discovery's trail of 1806. Mary knows the area well and will certainly pique your interest about this close yet remote area of Idaho.

* **Directions to the Eggan Youth Center, E 1515 'D' St, Moscow:** From Pullman - E on 3rd Street, N on Hayes St, and then E on 'D' St. The Center is at the corner of 'D' St and Mountain View Road.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 8-9 Boundary County Field Trip
- 17 PAS Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm
Wildlife Rehabilitation

OCTOBER

- 1 PAS Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 Heyburn State Park/Harrison Field Trip
- 13 Kamiak Butte/Rose Creek Preserve Field Trip
- 17 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm
Lolo Trail and the Corps of Discovery

NOVEMBER

- 5 PAS Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10 Lewiston Field Trip
- 14 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm
Program T.B.A.

NOTE - MANN LAKE FIELD TRIP INFORMATION BELOW

SEE INSIDE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND VISIT US ON THE WEB AT:

<http://www.palouseaudubon.org/>

The mission of the National Audubon Society is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems
- focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats -
for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity

OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED - The Chapter is in need of individuals willing to serve as officers or chairmen. Due to recent departures from the area, the chapter is in need of both a Vice-President and a Secretary. In addition, chair positions are available for a Newsletter Editor (6 issues per year), a Web Site Editor, a Fund-Raising Chairman, and a Program Chairman. There is always room for interested and enthused members. Your assistance and service to the Chapter is greatly needed and appreciated. Contact Tom Weber for further details.

MANN LAKE FIELD TRIPS - Field trips to Mann Lake are scheduled for Saturday mornings throughout the months of September and October. Participants are to meet at the Mann Lake boat ramp at 8:30 a.m. Directions: From the north end of Lewiston, follow US 12 south into town, cross the Clearwater River on Memorial Bridge and immediately take the first left (east) toward East Lewiston. Turn left (east) onto East Main Street and go about a half mile to the flashing yellow lights. Turn right (south) onto Lapwai (a.k.a. Lindsay Creek) Road. When the road forks stay right on Lindsay Creek Road (Nez Perce County Road 460) and follow it about 5 miles to its terminus at Grelle Avenue. Turn left (east) onto Grelle Avenue and just past the sharp right curve, turn left (east) onto East Powers Avenue (a.k.a. Lapwai Road). Continue straight (east) past the grain towers to the main parking lot. ID DeLorme 54, A-1.

CHAPTER NEWS

From the Prez:

It must be Fall. Traffic has greatly increased with the return of the students and migrating shorebirds are again being seen as they visit the region's limited wetlands. It's time to get out and look for those semi-rare passerines as they stop briefly in our area. Fall can be an excellent time to bird and the weather is normally second to none. Clear dark blue skies, comfortable warm days, and cool still evenings are a trademark of our late summer. It is always a very special time for me.

This is the first newsletter since May and the Chapter has seen some dramatic holes develop during the interim. Vice-President Harold Ward and his wife Mary Bostick moved to Boise after the Fourth of July. Program Chairman Janean Creighton has gone back to school at WSU. This along with her full-time job as Wildlife Extension Coordinator for the Department of Natural Resource Sciences has forced her to resign her chairmanship. The reorganization of the National Audubon membership policies has also greatly affected the financial world of the local chapter. This has led to some anxious moments by yours truly. But I guess that is why you pay me the big bucks... Through your cooperation and involvement I know that we can turn this setback into the start of better times. Please consider taking an active role in the Chapter. Service as an officer or chair can be extremely rewarding and fun – especially when there are a lot of us to share the load. Please think about it.

On behalf of our membership, I wish to thank Janean Creighton and Harold Ward for their service to the Palouse Audubon Society. Through their efforts much was accomplished this past year. The chapter sponsored many wonderful programs and events and they were an integral part of our success. Thank you for your service to the chapter.

I also wish to thank Charles Swift and Jane Westervelt for leading several well attended field trips during the summer. Jane has volunteered to become more active as a trip leader this year and even the Prez is scheduled to lead a trip later this October. With more leaders, the frequency of trips will surely increase. I hope to see many of you at one of the trips scheduled during September and October. Until then, good birding!

Tom Weber

EDUCATION – Cathy Willmes

Early this summer, Palouse Audubon enrolled 14 area elementary school classrooms in *Audubon Adventures*. This award-winning environmental education program is aimed at students in grades 4-6. Classrooms enrolled include:

Colton	Cris Eaker
Deary	Marcielle Ratzlaff
Genesee	Cheryl Bielenberg
Juliaetta	Emily Fredenburg
Moscow	Margaret Kenyon (Lena Whitmore)
	Carrie Bitterwolf (West Park)

Orofino	Tammy Gilmer
Palouse	Jay Iverson
Potlatch	Gary Lam
Pullman	Joan Leigh (Jefferson)
	Carey Fulfs (Lincoln)
	Gary Johnson (Sunnyside)
St. John	Carol Jeffries
Troy	Carol Este

Early this fall, each classroom will receive individual student copies of four issues of the *Audubon Adventures* newsletter. The topics for the 2001-2002 school year are:

- *So Different, So Alike?*, about mammals
- *They Call Us Cold-Blooded?*, about snakes, turtles, and other reptiles
- *Who Needs a Backbone?*, about invertebrates
- *The Feather Factor*, about birds and all their variations

Audubon Adventures has provided an exciting curriculum supplement for the participating classrooms, and is helping to increase the environmental awareness of these youngsters. We need your help to support the ever increasing number of classrooms. Won't you consider helping out by supporting a classroom? Your \$45 tax-deductible donation reaches a classroom of 32 students and your favorite teacher. Please fill out the support coupon found in this newsletter. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP – Diane Weber

The chapter continues to welcome and recruit new members to the Audubon family. We are very pleased with the 96 individuals who chose to join us this past year. We are confident that they will find membership both enjoyable and worthwhile. These additions bring our July 1 membership total to 386 members. If you know of a person who may be interested in joining, please pass on the application found on the cover of this newsletter or contact Diane Weber. New members receive a subscription to the award winning *Audubon Magazine* and the *Prairie Owl Newsletter*. Our success as an organization depends on our membership growth and their involvement in our mission and grass-roots conservation activities. Your participation in membership recruitment and retention is of vital importance to that success.

FIELD TRIPS

September 8 and 9 - Jane Westervelt

Boundary County weekend with Coeur d'Alene Audubon. The weekend will include visits to Boundary Creek Wildlife Management Area, Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, and the Nature Conservancy's Ball Creek Ranch. Expect to see a wide variety of water and shorebirds, raptors, and migrant songbirds. Participants will stay at the Ball Creek Ranch if room is available, or at a motel in Bonner's Ferry. Contact trip coordinator Jane Westervelt at (208)882-8597 to make arrangements.

October 6 – Charles Swift

Heyburn State Park to Harrison. The itinerary will include visits to Heyburn, Chatcolet, and St. Maries, and finishing up around Harrison on Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Coeur d'Alene River Delta. We should see plenty of ducks and shorebirds, raptors including Bald Eagles and lingering Osprey, flocks of American Robins and Cedar Waxwings, and migrant land birds. Fall foliage and scenery around the lakes can be spectacular. This will be an all day trip so bring a lunch. Participants should meet at 8:00 a.m. in Moscow at the Rosauer's Parking Lot, 411 N. Main St. For more information contact Charles Swift at (208)883-0553.

October 13 – Tom and Diane Weber

Kamiak Butte and Rose Creek Preserve. Enjoy excellent fall scenery and a nice walk through these 2 Whitman County natural areas. Expect to see a variety of raptors such as Red-tailed Hawk and Northern Harrier and resident song birds including a variety of woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, and sparrows. Excellent views of the Palouse and fall foliage are likely. Expect some moderate walking. Participants should meet at 8:00 a.m. at Dissmore's IGA at 1205 N. Grand in Pullman. For more information contact Tom Weber at 334-3817.

November 10 – Charles Swift

Lewiston Area. Our fall trip to Lewiston is almost an annual event and can be quite good despite the usual fall rains! We should see the first arriving goldeneyes and other diving ducks as well as lots of puddle ducks and other water birds. Last year we also found some interesting gulls and we expect to see a variety of land birds as well. The trip will continue into the afternoon depending on interest and energy. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon. Participants should meet at 8:00 a.m. in Moscow at the Rosauer's Parking Lot, 411 N. Main St. For more information contact Charles Swift at (208)883-0553.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

OWL BOX PROJECT – AI Stage reported hearing from Bruce Heiner that **Barn Owl Box #108** has been occupied by a Barn Owl. Bruce lives on the Endicott Road, northwest of Colfax. The box was built by **Roberta** during the January 29, 2000 Owl Box Program held at the Eggan Youth Center. The box was mounted on the end of a relatively small out building by AI Stage following the program.

PULLMAN LIBRARY DONATION – Earlier last month, President Tom Weber, on behalf of the Chapter, presented the video set *The Life of Birds* by David Attenborough and the book *John James Audubon in the West* by Sarah Boehme to Andriette Pieron, Neill Public Library Community Services Librarian. The donation was in response to a request by the library. In a letter received from Andriette, the Library thanked Palouse Audubon for the donation and voiced appreciation for “local groups caring about the library and it’s patrons...”. Earlier this year, Education Chairman Cathy Willmes made a similar donation to the Moscow Public Library.

WEBSITE ADDITIONS - The Rare Bird Alert Hotline report (208)882-6195 is transcribed and updated each Friday evening by Kas Dumroese. The report is available on the website along with field trip reports, event schedules, CBC results, and various other materials.

In addition, the *Prairie Owl* is available on the website in PDF format. **If you would prefer receiving an electronic copy of the Prairie Owl - rather than the mailed version - drop me a line** at (509)334-3817 or email tweber@wsu.edu and I will arrange the changes.

Sponsor Audubon Adventures

The cost to sponsor a classroom for the 2001-2002 school year is \$45.00. This award winning environmental education program really gets the Audubon message out to the students, teachers, and parents. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact: Cathy Willmes, (208)882-2649

I am enclosing \$ _____ to sponsor Audubon Adventure Classes for the 2001-2002 school year.

[] Please use my gift for general support of Audubon Adventures.

[] Please use my contribution to fund AUDUBON ADVENTURES in the following school:

_____ Teacher (optional) _____

Please make your tax deductible donation payable to “Palouse Audubon Society” and send it to:
Cathy Willmes, 2152 Arbor Crest Rd, Moscow ID 83843-9106

Palouse Audubon Society
PO Box 3606
University Station
Moscow ID 83843

PALOUSE AUDUBON SOCIETY - NEW MEMBERSHIP ONLY

Includes *National Audubon Society* membership, subscriptions to *AUDUBON MAGAZINE* and *THE PRAIRIE OWL* Newsletter.
Send your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to: Palouse Audubon Society, PO Box 3606, University Station, Moscow
ID 83843. Please include this coupon. For more information call: (509)334-3817

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

Membership Category (mark ONE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Membership (1 yr) \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student & Senior Citizen (62+) \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> PAS Newsletter Only \$10.00 |

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MEETINGS

BOARD - 1st Monday (normally)
9/17, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4
MEMBERSHIP - 3rd Wednesday
9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/12, 1/16

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