

THE PRAIRIE OWL



PALOUSE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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PROGRAMS

September 18 – 1912 Building, 3rd and Adams, Moscow, 7:30 p.m. - *Breeding Birds of Northern Idaho's Mountain Streams*. Kath Strickler, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Idaho, has been studying American Dippers since 1997. Her presentation will feature a few of the river birds encountered on northern Idaho's mountain streams: American Dipper, Common Merganser, Harlequin Duck, and Spotted Sandpiper. Kath's program features many beautiful photos from the Lochsa, St. Joe, Kelly Creek, and Coeur d'Alene Rivers. She is an excellent and enthusiastic presenter and will provide us with a thorough knowledge of these beautiful and fascinating birds of our wild rivers.

October 16 – 1912 Building, 3rd and Adams, Moscow, 7:30 p.m. - *Genetics and the Secret Life of Birds*. Mike Webster, Associate Professor at Washington State University, will draw from his own research to illustrate how modern genetic techniques are now being used widely to study wild populations of plants and animals, including birds. The discussion will include insights into the evolutionary relationships among different groups of birds, the secretive and complex mating systems of common birds, and even the control of offspring sex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A motion to change the Palouse Audubon Society bylaws is enclosed on page 2 of this newsletter. The motion, adopted by the Board of Directors at the meeting of August 26, will be voted on at our October 16 membership meeting.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 14 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 18 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm
Breeding Birds of Northern Idaho's Mountain Streams
- 21 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 28 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 29 McNary NWLR Field Trip - 7:00am

OCTOBER

- 5 Kamiak Butte Field Trip - 8:00am
Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 7 PAS Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 12 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 13 Moscow Mountain - Spring Valley Reservoir
Field Trip - 8:00am
- 16 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm,
Genetics and the Secret Life of Birds
- 19 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 26 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 4 PAS Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 9 Mann Lake Field Trip - 8:30am
- 20 PAS Membership Meeting - 7:30pm,
Program T.B.A.

NOTE - MANN LAKE FIELD TRIP INFORMATION INSIDE

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT

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

The website contains current and past *Prairie Owl* newsletters, Rare Bird Alert reports, field trip reports, event schedules, Christmas Bird Count results, birding checklists, and many other materials.

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.

CHAPTER NEWS

From the Prez:

Where did the summer go? It seemed to end with the arrival of the students. No more quiet days at work or on the streets of Pullman and Moscow. The arrival of the students also signals the return of Palouse Audubon activities and monthly meetings.

I am excited about the upcoming year. Many members have stepped forward to accept leadership roles in the chapter. I am especially grateful to our three new officers. Jane Westervelt, who has been active as a field trip leader, will serve as Vice-President and Program Chairman. Henry Willmes, who recently retired from the University of Idaho, has accepted the position as Treasurer. Tom Partington, who has been active in our nest box building programs, will serve as Secretary.

In addition, three members have volunteered to serve as Director. Those agreeing to serve are: Terry Gray, who has been actively reporting bird sightings in the Genesee area; Bill Moore, of FirstStep Internet, who was instrumental in providing the chapter with internet service for our website; and Grant Norton, an Associate at WSU, who has been active in the annual Christmas Bird Count.

Just as exciting is the fact that nearly every committee has had a member step forward to serve as chairman. A complete list of the officers, chairmen, and directors may be found on the back page of our newsletter. I wish to personally thank each for their commitment to Palouse Audubon. I am confident that we will enjoy another banner year of service to the Audubon mission and to our communities. Good birding,

Tom Weber

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSED

Due to the restructuring of National Audubon, we find that are bylaws are no longer in agreement with the Chapter Policy dictated by the National organization. To bring the chapter bylaws into agreement, the Board of Directors at their meeting of August 26, 2002, recommend that:

Article VIII (Commitments) and Article IX (Discontinuance) of the chapter bylaws be stricken in their entirety and a new Article VIII inserted to read:

CHAPTER POLICY - *The relationship between this SOCIETY and the NATIONAL SOCIETY shall be governed by the Chapter Policy.*

In addition, Article X (Parliamentary Authority) and Article XI (Amendments) of the chapter bylaws will be re-labeled Articles IX and X respectively.

According to Article XI (Amendments) of our bylaws: The Constitution and bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members in good standing present at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting thereof, regularly called, provided a quorum is present, and provided further that notice of such amendments shall be mailed to each member of the Society at the member's last known address at least fifteen days before said meeting.

Voting on the proposed amendment will be conducted at our October 16 Program Meeting to be held at the 1912 Building, 3rd and Adams, Moscow, Idaho, at 7:30 p.m.

FIELD TRIPS – Charles Swift

MANN LAKE FIELD TRIPS - Co-sponsored by Palouse Audubon, Canyon Birders, and ID Fish & Game, these trips will focus on the fall migration of waterfowl and shorebirds as they pass through our region. Each field trip will be led by an expert birder from one of the three organizations. Dates are: Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, and 28; October 5, 12, 19, and 26; and November 2 and 9, 2002. Participants are to meet at the Mann Lake boat ramp at 8:30 a.m.

Directions to the Mann Lake boat ramp: 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.

McNARY NWLR

Sunday, September 29 - Carole Vande Voorde

This is a long day so we will meet at Swallows Park Marina at 7:00 a.m. to carpool. We will bird great spots in the area and be at the mouth of the Walla Walla River toward evening. Some of us may stop to eat in Walla Walla or Dayton on the way home. Others can leave early if they wish.

KAMIAK BUTTE and ROSE CREEK

Saturday, October 5 – Tom and Diane Weber

Enjoy excellent fall scenery and a nice walk through these 2 Whitman County natural areas. Expect to see a variety of raptors 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. Depending on the weather, this may be an all day excursion. 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.

MOSCOW MT and SPRING VALLEY

Sunday, October 13 - Charles Swift

Participants should meet at the Eastside Mall, Safeway Parking Lot, on the Troy Highway, in Moscow at 8:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP -

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

I always re-new my membership in August, why haven't I received a renewal notice? Beginning with the September issue, AUDUBON magazine will be published quarterly instead of bimonthly. Up until this month, members joined Audubon with the expectation of receiving six issues of the magazine per year as a benefit of membership. Audubon has honored that expectation by extending the membership term of members having at least one issue of AUDUBON un-delivered. The extended membership expiration date is printed on the label affixed to their issue. The length of the extension depends upon the number of issues remaining. Audubon will send a first renewal reminder well in advance of the expiration date to ensure continuous service.

EDUCATION – Cathy Willmes

Early this summer, Palouse Audubon enrolled 17 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, Deary, Genesee, Juliaetta, Moscow, Orofino, Palouse, Potlatch, Pullman, St. John, and Troy.

Each classroom will receive individual student copies of four issues of the *Audubon Adventures* newsletter. This year, *Audubon Adventures* will zoom in on four distinct North American bioregions. By examining these ecological settings, students will deepen their understanding of the natural world. The featured biomes will be:

Freshwater Wetlands
Temperate Deciduous Forests
Coastal Environments
Deserts

Each issue will journey to a natural place in a "you are there" style. Students will learn about these bioregions and explore principles and processes (such as adaptation, interdependence of species) in each environment. Concepts are further expanded in the Classroom Resource Manual. *Audubon Adventures* includes action-oriented content about healthy habitats, essays, puzzles, word challenges, games, and recommended web sites.

Audubon Adventures provides an exciting curriculum supplement and is helping to increase the environmental awareness of 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. Please fill out the support coupon below. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.**

Sponsor Audubon Adventures

The cost to sponsor a classroom for the 2002-2003 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 2002-2003 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:
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BOARD - 1st Monday (normally)
10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5
MEMBERSHIP - 3rd Wednesday
9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18, 1/15, 2/19

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PALOUSE AUDUBON SOCIETY - NEW MEMBERSHIP ONLY

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Send your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to: Palouse Audubon Society, PO Box 3606, University Station, Moscow
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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 |