



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

South Ogden Nature Park: Meet at Denny's (5805 S Harrison Blvd, South Ogden) at 8:00am for breakfast or at the Nature Park at 9:00am.

4 Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm Anniversary Party

Wild About Birds Nature Center celebrates its 15th Anniversary. 1986 North Hill Field Road, Suite 7B, Layton (exit 332, Antelope Drive, off I-15). Live birds! See and learn about wild birds of prey. There will be refreshments, snacks, door prizes and drawings for a variety of prizes.

8 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

Pineview Reservoir: Meet at Dylan's (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the Smith's parking lot (12th and Harrison) at 9:00am to carpool. Because of the closure of the North Arm trail, we'll try the parking lot on the West side of the reservoir. Take the gravel road a few hundred yards north of the Ogden Pineview Yacht Club. There is a parking lot with restroom.

15 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

Riverdale Trail (South): Meet at Moore's Family Restaurant (3558 Wall Ave., Ogden) at 8:00am for breakfast or at the trailhead (from Riverdale Rd., south on 700 W for one block, then left on 4600 W to lot on right at the end of the road) at 9:00am.

21 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS meeting

Marcelle Shoop, Director of the National Audubon Society Saline Lakes Program, will be our speaker for November. She will be discussing the recent report, *Water and Birds in the Arid West: Habitats in Decline*.

22 Wednesday No Bird Walk Today

25 Saturday 7:30/8:00am Field Trip

East Canyon State Park and Reservoir: Meet at the Utah DWR (515 E 5300 S, South Ogden) at 7:30am to carpool for breakfast at Larry's Spring Chicken Inn (4 North State St., Morgan) at 8:00am. It is an all day trip. Bring water and lunch. Walkie talkies on frequency 11-22 will be used to communicate between cars. This is a fee area.

29 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

Ogden Cemetery: Meet at Dylan's (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the NE corner of the Cemetery at 9:00am.

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5 Tuesday 7:00pm Board Meeting

Ogden Nature Center: All members are welcome to attend. 966 West 12th Street, Ogden.

6 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

Dale Young Nature Park (formerly Perry Nature Park): Meet at the Rusted Spoon (2645 US 89, Perry) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the park (1200 W Davis Street, off US 89 on 2250 S., Perry) at 9:00am.

13 Wednesday No Bird Walk Today

16 Saturday 7:00am Christmas Bird Count

Ogden Christmas Bird Count: Meet at Denny's (take 21st St. to 1100 W, on the North side by Flying J Plaza, Ogden) for breakfast and to get your assignment. It is a all day trip. Bring water and lunch. Walkie talkies on frequency 11-22 will be used to communicate between cars. Potluck dinner at 6:00pm at UCC Church (3350 South Harrison Blvd.) for compilation of data. Bring table service and a dish to share.

19 Tuesday 7:00 pm WAS Meeting

Keith Evans, currently the Vice President of WAS, will share images and stories about local birding trips, highlighting many species of wildlife and birds that winter in northern Utah. There are lots of opportunities to avoid "cabin fever" during the coldest months of the year (e.g., WAS sponsors four Christmas Bird Counts).

20 Wednesday 8:00/8:30am Christmas Bird Count

Bear River Christmas Bird Count: Meet at McDonald's (1838 W 2700 N, Farr West – just east of 1-15 exit 349) at 8:00am for breakfast or at 8:30am to carpool. It is an all day trip. Bring water and lunch. Walkie talkies on frequency 11-22 will be used to communicate between cars.

DECEMBER (cont.)**27 Wednesday 7:30/8:00am Christmas Bird Count**

Morgan Christmas Bird Count: Meet at the Utah DWR (515 E. 5300 S., South Ogden) at 7:30am to carpool for breakfast at Larry's Spring Chicken Inn (4 North State St., Morgan) at 8:00am. It is an all day trip. Bring water and lunch. Walkie talkies on frequency 11-22 will be used to communicate between cars.

JANUARY**1 Monday 8:00am Christmas Bird Count**

Antelope Island Christmas Bird Count: Meet at the parking lot at Antelope Island State Park entrance kiosk at 8:00am. It is an all day trip. Bring water and lunch. Walkie talkies on frequency 11-22 will be used to communicate between cars.

10 Wednesday 8:30/9:30am Bird Walk

Fort Buenaventura Park: Meet at Moore's Family restaurant (3558 Wall Ave) for breakfast at 8:30am or at the entrance to the park at 9:30am.

Contact Persons for WAS Outings Wednesday

Walks - Paul Lombardi pslombard@gmail.com

Saturday Field Trips (the Saturday after the WAS Tuesday Meeting) - President Dan Johnston
801-645-8633

Other Field Trips - Mike Hearrell 801-529-8693

October Field Trip Report**by Dan Johnston**

It was a cold, crisp, clear Saturday morning, when five brave souls met to see what could be seen at the Bear River Migratory Wildlife Refuge. Joining trip leader Dan Johnston was Les Talbot, Marily Gren, Nancy Arnett, and a visitor from Wisconsin, Stuart Malcolm. A total of 50 species were sighted. The highlights were Tundra Swan, 12 Wilson's Snipe, Eastern Kingbird and Marsh Wren. Stuart and I extended the trip to include Mantua Reservoir, Perry Nature Park, and North Willard Bay Campground. We added another 17 species, with a White-throated Sparrow as the highlight.

Conservation Corner**Notes from the Audubon Convention**

by Lynn Carroll

I was able to attend part of the Audubon Convention in July by being a "room monitor" for one day to get in free on another, and here are some things I learned. One session I was assigned to, called "Expanding Your Flock," was focused on making connections with and including people who aren't like us. They pointed out that white folks tend to assume that "people of color" aren't going to be very interested in supporting environmental causes. Wrong. To be most effective, we need to reach out to a wider community and find out where our interests overlap.

I picked up a flier about Audubon's Climate Watch. This is "a new community science program that explores how North American birds are responding to climate change." Its specific protocol requires a group to choose 10 by 10 km squares within which volunteers will count birds at twelve points twice during the year—once in winter and again between May 15 and June 15. At each point a 5 minute count is taken of all birds seen or heard. So far the program is concentrating on two groups of species—bluebirds and nuthatches. The complicated part is choosing the squares to survey using a special mapping program, based on where the target species is found (or is expected to be found in 2020), then laying out the 12 points to be counted in each square. A coordinator must be chosen (volunteer) and trained. Wasatch Audubon leaders haven't yet discussed participating. Are you interested?

I chose a session about Audubon's Climate Change program to end my Convention exploration. We learned that its overall purpose is to build demand for nationwide climate solutions. Audubon has already sounded the alarm about how seriously birds are being affected. Now all efforts will focus on solutions. Plants for Birds plays a part in this by providing additional habitat in built environments.

Audubon membership includes a broad spectrum of political ideology. Encouraging climate advocates among Audubon members with progressive, moderate, and conservative views will bring more strength to the cause. Local action can demonstrate that strength, so another goal is to persuade cities and states to pass resolutions in favor of climate action or to develop plans for mitigating effects of climate change. We were introduced to an exciting new organization for young people called iMatter. They work to empower teens to be advocates for climate action. They start with a Climate Report Card for their city, then ask to speak at a city council meeting with a simple climate-related request. As the youth learn from the results and gain self-confidence, they develop into effective voices for action.

More information: works.audubon.org/groups/Audubon-convention; www.imatteryouth.org