



## CALENDER

### MAY

#### **2 Wednesday 8:00-8:30am Bird Walk**

**Canal Walk (North Mountain Rd) at 2450 N., North Ogden:** Meet at McDonald's (Washington & 2600 N., North Ogden) for breakfast at 8:00am or at 8:30am to carpool. Take 2450 N off Mountain Rd, over canal into small parking lot. Depending on weather conditions in the area, we may alter the location.

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

**Weber River/South Ogden Area:** Meet at Village Inn (1765 E Skyline Drive, South Ogden) for breakfast at 8:00am or at 9:00am at the trailhead near Adams Ave. exit off I-84. Take Exit 85, Adams Ave. and then proceed to the frontage road on the north side of I-84. Go east about 0.1 mile to the Angler's Access parking lot. We'll bird down river.

#### **15 Tuesday 7pm WAS Meeting**

**Dr. Stephen L. Clark, of Weber State University,** will talk to WAS members about Utah wildflowers. Dr. Clark is a WSU Professor of Botany and Director of the University's Herbarium. A Utah native, Dr. Clark graduated from Weber State University in 1964 with a B.S., majoring in botany; earned an M.S. Degree in botany and plant taxonomy from Utah State University in 1967; and a Ph.D. in botany and plant taxonomy from Brigham Young University in 1980. He has taught at Weber State University since 1965, where, as professor of Botany, he continues his interest in floristics, ethnobotany and the plight of indigenous people.

#### **16 Wednesday No Bird Walk today**

Enjoy the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival starting May 17 and running through May 21.

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#### **23 Wednesday 8:00/8:30am Bird Walk**

**Little Mountain Railroad trail:** Meet at McDonald's (Exit 349, I-15) for breakfast at 8:00am or at 8:30am at the trail head. Trail begins off 4000N (this is the road leading west from Smith and Edward's).

#### **30 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk**

**Two Rivers Trail:** Meet at Denny's (North on 1100 W from 21<sup>st</sup> Street in the Flying J Plaza, Ogden) for breakfast at 8:00am or at 9:00am at the trailhead.

### JUNE

#### **5 Tuesday 7pm Board Meeting**

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

#### **6 Wednesday 8:00/8:30am Bird Walk**

**Wadman Nature Park:** *Warblers should be back so let's try this walk again.* Meet at McDonald's (Washington & 2600 N., North Ogden) at 8:00am. or at the park at 8:30am at the top of 500 W. in Pleasant View City.

#### **13 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk**

**Ogden Nature Center:** Meet at Village Inn (322 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the Nature Center at 9:00am.

#### **Contact Persons for WAS Outings**

**Wednesday Walks** - Paul Lombardi [pslombard@gmail.com](mailto:pslombard@gmail.com)

**Saturday Field Trips (the Saturday after the WAS Tuesday Meeting)** Mike Hearrell 801-529-8693

**JUNE (cont.)**

**19 Tuesday 7pm WAS Meeting**

**Neil Paprocki, HawkWatch International**, will talk to WAS members about his organization's Burrowing Owl project. He joined the HawkWatch team in September 2014 as the organization's Conservation Biologist. Originally from the East coast, he earned his BS in Animal Behavior from Bucknell University in central Pennsylvania. Upon graduation, Neil immediately immersed himself in ornithological fieldwork for over three years. He has worked with Ptarmigan in Alaska, and songbirds in New Hampshire and Nevada. Eventually, he made his way into the raptor community by working with the federally endangered California Condor for 2 and a half years in southern California, northern Arizona, and southern Utah.

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

**Snowbasin/Maple Grove CG:** Meet at Dylan's (12<sup>th</sup> and Monroe) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the Smith's parking lot (12<sup>th</sup> and Harrison) to carpool at 9:00am.

**23 Saturday 7:00am Field Trip**

**Brim Trail/Powder Mountain:** Join WAS as we search higher elevations for avian and flora specialties. We will search the ski resort from the roads and then hike the Brim Trail. The trail is well maintained without much change in elevation, but is rocky in certain areas. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as the weather can be unpredictable at 8500'. Pack a light lunch and plenty of water as this trip will run through early afternoon. Meet at the North end of Smith's parking lot (12th St. & Harrison Blvd, Ogden) at 7:00am to carpool. Contact Mike Hearrell (utmarshrat@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**27 Wednesday 8:00/8:30am Bird Walk**

**Swanson Environmental Center:** Meet at McDonald's (Washington & 2600 N., North Ogden) for breakfast at 8:00am or at 8:30am to carpool.

**JULY**

**4 Wednesday Holiday, No Bird Walk today**

**Audubon at Youth Impact**

by Lucy Stretch, Interested Observer

On Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wasatch Audubon sponsored another Birding Class at the Youth Impact facility in Ogden. Dennis Collins presented a great, short program on owls: how they vary in size, location and other ways, but how they all digest their favorite prey—mice, shrews, voles and occasionally birds. Then the fun began as he passed out owl pellets, tweezers, and a sheet to identify bones found in the pellets. Aply assisted by John Bellmon and Bruce Perry, Dennis helped the kids get started on pulling apart the fur to get to those interesting bones. Then, all circulated among the 15 or so fascinated and involved kids, helping them determine what it was that they found. There were a few who gave up sooner, but most persevered through sometimes more than one pellet, or finished up one that was left behind. A couple had done the same activity in classes before, and they were quite thrilled to be considered experts! All-in-all, a most successful lesson and all the kids were able to be successful in the task! Thanks, Guys!!



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