

Report on the Annual Morgan County Bald Eagle Trip, February 24

by John Bellmon

The Bald Eagle Trip encountered beautiful weather and warm temperatures, but few Bald Eagles. The reservoirs were completely frozen, so the eagles couldn't fish there. We saw 11 Bald and 8 Golden Eagles. This was the lowest numbers that we have seen in over 40 years of doing this field trip. There were 11 individuals that came out for the day of birding, with a total of 16 different species seen. We hope that next year the numbers will improve.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Earth Day

April 20 - Ogden Nature Center

Enjoy earth-friendly exhibitors, demonstrations, entertainment, food, nature crafts, and enjoyable activities. Explore the trails and learn what you can do to improve the health of the planet. See ogdennaturecenter.org for more information.

Lectures

March 19 - Laura Western, the Ogden Nature Center's new Executive Director, will introduce herself to Audubon members and will talk about what's new at the Center. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and will be in a hybrid format. Participants can meet us in the L. S. Peery, Education Building at the nature center, or tune in via Zoom.

April 16 - Lisa Thompson, of the Natural History Museum of Utah, will come to the nature center in person to talk about NHMU's new book, "Wild Wasatch Front," which discusses, exploring the wild areas in and around the Salt Lake area. Meeting will start at 7 p.m. and be in a hybrid format. Participants can meet us in the L. S. Peery, education building at the nature center, or tune in via Zoom.

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

May 16-19

Information on registration and tickets is now available. Go to the website at:

daviscountyutah.gov/greatsaltlakebirdfest

to register and get details on presenters, field trips, workshops and more.



Long-billed Curlew. Photo: All about Birds

Gillmor Sanctuary Spring Work Days

Join Gillmor Sanctuary staff to lend a helping hand on projects that improve bird habitat. See birds of Great Salt Lake!

April 19 - 20

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Notified upon registration, self-drive / carpool

What to bring: Water, snacks, warm layers, boots, gardening/leather gloves, bug and sun protection, binoculars

Age group: 12 years and up

Difficulty: similar to garden work

Sign up for one or two days – it's free!

Registration and more information at: <https://buff.ly/3SvSsWc>

Red Cliffs Bird Fest

April 25-27 - St. George, Utah

This is a unique opportunity to learn about birds who live in a variety of environments - desert, high altitude, Colorado Plateau, riparian, urban parks – all in one beautiful setting. Sign up for trips and events and learn from exhibits and speakers. Wasatch Audubon is pleased that

Susan Snyder, WAS Board Member and Program Director, is the featured artist at this year's Fest and will teach a nature journaling class. Her approach to art and nature makes both accessible to all and her teaching skills draw her students into the creative process. To get information or register go to redcliffsbirdfest.com.

Field Trips

March 23 - Antelope Island

8:00 a.m.

Meet at the parking lot before the gate. We will bird the Causeway, north end, and Garr Ranch, looking for shorebirds, Rock Wren, Borrowing Owl and Great Horned Owl. Mostly done in vehicles. Take lunch and water.

Accessibility: **R** Leader-John/Dan

April 20 - Lek and Loon Trip

6:00am field trip

Meet at DWR office, 515 E 5300 S (Adams Ave.) in South Ogden. We will caravan to the lek south of Henefer to observe the grouse displaying from inside our vehicles. Target birds: Greater Sage Grouse, Bald Eagle, Common Loon, American Dipper. Take lunch and water. Accessibility: **Minimal walking, stop for restrooms**. Leader John/Dan

Bird Walks

March 13- Great Salt Lake Nature Center, Farmington.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Dylan's, 185 North Main Street in Kaysville

9:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot. 1157 S. Waterfowl Way (1100 W Glovers Lane) Farmington. **R U L B**

March 20- Antelope Island Causeway.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Warren's Drive Inn, 1778 South 1000 West Syracuse

9:00 a.m. Meet at the parking lot at the toll booth. **R**

March 27 - Riverdale Trail North.

8:00 a.m. Meet at Moore's Family Restaurant 3558 Wall Ave Ogden

9:00 a.m. Meet at the trailhead next to the Kayak Park, off Riverdale Road at 700 W, 4300 South, Riverdale, UT 84405 **R, P, L**

April 3- Ogden Cemetery.

8:00 a.m. Meet for breakfast at Dylan's, 981 12th Street in Ogden

9:00 a.m. Meet at 1875 Monroe Blvd. Ogden **P/U L**

April 10- Beus Pond.

8:00 a.m. Meet for breakfast at Ramblin Roads 1765 East Skyline Drive, South Ogden

9:00 a.m. Meet at 4240 Country Hills Drive, Ogden 84403. **R P/U L B**

April 17- Riverdale Trail South.

8:00 a.m. Meet at Moore's Family Restaurant 3558 Wall Ave Ogden

9:00 a.m. Meet at the trailhead off Riverdale Road at 700 W. 4800 Weber River Dr, Riverdale, UT 84405 **R, P, L**

April 24- Buffalo Ranches Pond. Note earlier start time, different meeting place for walk.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Dylan's, 185 North Main Street in Kaysville

8:00 a.m. NOTE different meeting place! Meet at large white (ball) radar station by the GSL Nature Center, walking to the Ranches ponds from there (over 3 miles round trip).

May 1- Kaysville Ponds. Note earlier start time

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Dylan's, 185 North Main Street in Kaysville

8:00 a.m. Meet at 920 S 50 W, Kaysville, UT 84037 on the Frontage Road (50 West). Meet in the Botanical Center parking lot to walk the trail from there. **P/U M B**

Accessibility Codes for walks and trips

R - Restrooms available

P - Paved trail **U** - Unpaved trail

P/U - Combination

L - Level trail **M** - Moderately level trail

B - benches available