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Leo Eisel: His Legacy with Denver Audubon

by David Dominick

Leo Eisel passed away in August and it was through Denver Audubon that many of us came to know him over these past four decades. Our adventures together extended from trips to the Comanche National Grasslands in Baca County organized by Lois Webster in the 1970's; to expeditions in 1992 and 1995 to the state of Jalisco, Mexico; to the Platte River in Nebraska and more. It is gratifying to look back on friendships and forays into the fields and streams of the day.

For myself, our expedition in 1992 to Sierra de Manantlan in the state of Jalisco, Mexico was a classic.

I will let Allen tell the story of the creation of what we called The West Mexican Connection:

“Our purpose was to protect the wintering habitat of North American Birds. We had heard of the Laboratorio Natural Las Joyas, a group of scientists studying how to preserve the Sierra de Manantlan Biosphere Reserve, a rainforest in the western Mexican state of Jalisco. We thought we should visit them to learn of their efforts first hand. Leo and I contacted the group’s leader Eduardo Santana, the ornithologist, and in June, 1992 Leo, David Dominick, Karen Hollweg, and I spent a week with Eduardo at the Laboratorio’s headquarters in El Grullo and up at Las Joyas.”



Visit of Denver Audubon Society delegation to Laboratorio Natural las Joyas, Sierra de in Manantlan Biosphere Reserve, Mexico, 6/4/92 – Standing l. to r. Ruben (head of the Reserve’s education program) Eduardo Santana, Leo Eisel, Karen Hollweg, David Dominick Front row, graduate students and field assistants.

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Eisel (cont.)

Interject here to tell of our trip from El Grullo to the top of the mountain – a trip to be ever remembered. We had gotten off to a late start from El Grullo in a pick-up loaded with supplies. The road up was no more than a track, it started to rain, darkness descended and we eventually came to a steep stopping point, the truck thoroughly stuck – rain drenching down. Leo was the guy in charge of getting us out of that fix. And no wonder, he was the engineer with a Ph.D degree from Harvard of all places. I was but a helper. The two of us managed to find a couple of logs, roll some rocks under the wheels and get the caravan moving again. When we finally made it to the top we found a number of barrack like structures with tin roofs that leaked like sieves and if one was unlucky to be in the top bunk we were likely to have a soggy night. The focus of the mountain-top reserve and our expedition was the discovery of *zea diploperennis* a species of great biological interest in that it was a perennial corn that held promise for commercial development. It was but a small patch but here the established biosphere reserve was what was saving it. The Las Joyas Reserve achieved International designation with this discovery.

“ Leo kept the West Mexico Connection on task and even protected our name when the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory wanted that name. ”



Sandhill Cranes by Marilyn Rhodes

Allen Stokes' diary continues:

“Our group came away so impressed with the Laboratorio group and its efforts to develop a model for Mexico to manage its national parks and to preserve our neotropical migrants that we started in on some serious fundraising. Leo headed up this effort, with his Harvard Ph.D in civil engineering, with me as chief assistant. We wrote grant applications to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and to other private foundations. Eduardo was always letting us know how much money he needed us to raise and wrote up excellent summaries of the needs at Las Joyas. Leo kept the West Mexico Connection on task and even protected our name when the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory wanted that name. The money just kept coming in big chunks and over the years we had raised \$97,000.00. We raised money for fire fighting equipment and radios, publication of a check list of birds at Las Joyas, and publication of a thesis written by a University of Wisconsin student about the Sierra de Manantlan Biosphere Reserve.”

Excitement/adventure/improvisation/and great companionship followed Leo and us on other expeditions. We remember our several trips to North Platte in Nebraska where we witnessed the remarkable and captivating migration of the sandhill crane. On our first trip a whole gang of us from Denver Audubon borrowed a VW bus and drove down to North Platte after work on a Friday. Again Leo was at the center of things because the bus came from Wright Water Engineers where Leo spent much of his professional career.

Eisel (cont.)

The next morning we left before daylight for the river. Parking, we walked carefully to a blind set back from the river and heard the first musical calling of the cranes. As the dawn lightened the calling became more agitated. Then we were treated to cranes singly or in pairs in short flights – return – and finally all up and down the river it was cranes rising, circling and calling.

We all benefited from his high-pitched laughter, his humor, his commitment to the conservation of things wild, and his physical courage. Karen Hollweg, who was responsible for the creation of the the Urban Environmental Education Program of inner-city children in the 1980's, remembers his sharp observation skills.



Pawnee Buttes by Dick Vogel

And Ed Butterfield who ran the Pawnee Grasslands Institute for 13 years remembers that Lois Webster was the leader of a committee that started the Institute and gave it guidance for the first couple of years. Ed further recalls that Leo was on several important steering committees during his presidency at the time the Chatfield Nature Center and Denver Audubon's office was permanently moved to Chatfield about 1996. Ed smiles and with a slight groan tells how Leo generously arranged for Audubon's annual fundraising phone banks at the Wright Water Engineers offices. The offices were filled with lots of laughs, pizza, drinks and the Audubon regulars, leaders and Leo at the head making those evening calls.

Doris Cruze remarks with a chuckle that Leo served as "Secretary" during her tenure as President when everyone else on the board happened to be women.

And I remember most fondly our 7 day canoe trip down the Missouri River from Fort Benton to the Charles Russel Wildlife area in 2008.

On the morning of the second day out we had all done our chores and set out hiking into the canyons. Leo was not well and simply decided to "tent-up" for most of the day. Few of us were aware of Leo's continuing battle with intestinal cancer. The rest of the trip went smoothly with all sharing the work and self-appointed chores. Leo had relegated to himself the duties of the "port-a-potty". This characterized his wonderful ability to assign himself the least attractive of duties, and to be forever present with that high-pitched laugh directed at himself and to us.

All this and more. From the start-up of Denver Audubon back in the 1970's thru to its strong presence today it has been a great ride and Leo was a gentle friend of us all.

Jerry & Arlene Raskin made a donation in memory of Leo Eisel

ASGD Members saved fossils in time!



Wasp Fossil Courtesy Wikipedia

Have you ever been to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (FFBNM) just outside Manitou Springs, CO? Okay, have you ever heard of FFBNM? Do you realize that if hadn't been for three very determined local citizen activists, two of whom were ASGD (then called Denver Audubon) members, houses would instead be covering the landscape of one of the world's most significant fossil finds? Protecting the fossils wasn't an easy task and the effort spanned years. It took pioneering environmental law and activism to save the fossils in the nick of time.

Those two ASGD members were Vim Wright and Dr. Estella Leopold. Estella has written a book about the experience, *Saved in Time: The Fight to Establish Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument*.

Denver Urban Bird Count **by Hugh Kingery**

Denver Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count, always on New Year's Day, had a record 94 species — three more than the high from 2003 — and a higher-than-average number of birds — 44,149. As usual, Canada/Cackling Geese topped the numbers, with 19,825 — almost the same number as last year. And the number of observers shot up to 132, including 18 feeder-watchers.

Dick Schottler's north section of the South Platte found 60 species, including two birds new to the count — Common Yellowthroat that they identified only by sound and a Yellow-headed Blackbird; one also came to a feeder at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. Mike Serruto's Montbello/Sand Creek group found the count's first Say's Phoebe. Two groups found American Dippers — Randy Lentz in Aurora and Paul Slingsby on Cherry Creek. Bob Brown found a lingering American White Pelican at Cherry Creek Reservoir and the only Ross's Goose. Kevin Corwin's Park Hill group found the only Cedar Waxwings, and the Botanic Gardens/Wash Park group spotted a Prairie Falcon.

After geese, the next most numerous: 6,748 European Starlings, 2,292 Rock Pigeons, 2,025 Northern Shovelers, 1,681 Red-winged Blackbirds and 1,587 Mallards. We counted 1,289 Ring-billed Gulls plus another 514 unidentified gulls (1,803 total). For the second time, House Finches (1,217) outnumber House Sparrows (964), both comparatively low counts but more than last year. Most of the 5,992 ducks occurred along the South Platte, from the southern city limits to the north.



Say's Phoebe by Dick Vogel

Feeder counters added 437 birds of 25 species; their counts of Bushtits and Red-breasted Nuthatches brought up those totals to 49 and 17 respectively.

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Share the View Contest Winners

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The 2nd Annual Share the View International Nature Photography Contest has ended. As you might guess from the title, this contest gives ASGD far reaching national and international visibility.

We received many outstanding images, 1369 in all, and we certainly attracted a lot of candidates with our new \$1,000 award! The judges had a heck of a time choosing the best bird photo. We also had a considerable number of foreign photographers and the exotic wildlife subjects you'd expect as a result.

Entries were submitted from 14 countries and 37 states and the showing by Colorado photographers was very strong. Front Range shutterbugs were particularly well represented, based on the subjects and locations mentioned in their captions.

Prize winners can be viewed at the Share the View web site

<http://denveraudubon.contestvenue.com/>

Two of the four First Prize images were shot in Colorado and were entered by Colorado photographers.

Title: *Fall Colors at Night*

Location: *Leadville, CO*

Credit: © 2012 *Steve Hirsch*

<http://www.stevhirschphoto.com>



Title: *American Kestrel Portrait*

Location: *Chatfield State Park, near Denver, CO*

Credit: © 2012 *Randall Roberts*

<http://archive.randallkroberts.com>

It's not too early to start preparing for this year's competition. If you start evaluating, editing and saving your best images now, you'll be ready to go when entries open later

in the year.

Look for more information about this year's contest in *The Warbler* in a few months.

Thank you to everyone who worked on and participated in the contest.

We're very

proud of the caliber of photographers and images

this competition has attracted. Special thanks to Wendy Shattil and Bob Rozinski, the professionals on our team, for helping us establish a respected contest. The substantial proceeds from the competition will benefit ASGD's ongoing education efforts in Denver Metro area schools.



Conservation Report

TWO WEEKS IN (to the Legislative Session): Audubon's Priorities

The 2013 session features a re-run of many measures that didn't pass the Legislature last year. The big headline bills – civil unions, guns, marijuana, health care – aren't Audubon concerns. Our priorities are below.

Republicans have again introduced several bills to make environmental and public health regulations harder to adopt while giving the business community more advantages in the regulatory process. For example, HB 1069 requires the Legal Services department to create a fiscal impact statement for all new rules and regulations that affect businesses of less than 51 employees. However bills like this never require accounting for impacts to the environment or to public health and safety caused by the industries/activities being regulated. Audubon will oppose all such measures. One factor in our favor is the status of State finances – we just don't have the fiscal resources to fulfill the requirements of bills like HB 1069.

A proposed change to water law is proposed in SB 41, which would classify the mere storage of water as a "beneficial use." Under existing law, storage in itself is generally NOT a beneficial use except when flood control, fire or drought protection are stated uses of the water. Only when the water is released from a reservoir for a specific use, say, agriculture, can the storage right be considered beneficial and absolute (the water law term is "perfected"). Until then the storage right is only conditional. This view was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2011.

Thus water developers won't have to demonstrate an ultimate use for water they store in a reservoir; the storage itself will be the "beneficial use."



Young Mule Deer by Dick Vogel

This bill gives developers more leeway in other ways; you can read it at www.leg.state.co.us, Session Information, Senate 2013 Regular Session, Bills and Fiscal Notes.

Amendment or defeat of SB41 will be Audubon's top priority this year. It will be a tough battle, as water interests and the Governor are backing the bill. Governor Hickenlooper evidently believes that any water storage is good, despite environmental consequences (see Chatfield Reallocation) or common sense. Watch for an alert.

Coalbed methane and the Renewable Energy Standard: Methane produced as a byproduct of coal mining would be added to the list of renewable energy sources by SB 3. Currently this gas is vented into the atmosphere, where it contributes to climate change and air quality problems, but there are better ways to address it than by calling it a "renewable resource" which it patently IS NOT. In Wyoming, the State has started billing energy companies for methane produced on public lands, in effect charging them for "severing" the resource from the ground. Colorado should perhaps consider a similar measure, as energy companies currently get the gas for free. Audubon will oppose this bill.

Water supply for new development will be the topic of an as-yet unnumbered bill, pushed by the proponents of Sterling Ranch, a development the size of Highlands Ranch that would be built between Chatfield and Roxborough State Parks. Current law says counties can refuse a development permit if the developer doesn't have proof of a long-term dependable water supply. Sterling Ranch wants counties to be able to approve partial development with partial water rights. If you have water for 400 families, you can build 400 homes. When you get another water right, enough for an additional 400 homes, you could THEN add that much.

Chatfield Storage Rights. The Colorado Water Conservation Board will evidently apply to the Legislature for funds to acquire Aurora's storage rights at Chatfield. Thus the State will own about 23% of the storage space and be responsible for that much of the recreational and environmental mitigation costs. If the other water providers in the project renege on their commitments, this would leave the state responsible for most costs of the project, forever. Chatfield has been touted as a "private" water project that taxpayers do not have to pay for, but now it appears that the State will be the chief payer while destroying the heart of a much-used, ecologically valuable State Park! Letters to the Governor are still needed! (see www.SaveChatfield.org for addresses and information).

Denver's Hentzell Park. The director of Denver's Parks and Recreation department issued a statement on January 3, removing the "Natural Area" designation from 11.5 acres of Hentzell Park in southeast Denver. This sets a very poor precedent for management of Denver's parks, as the area in question, though not "designated" as a Park under the City Charter, is zoned as open space and is shown on Denver maps as park land. The reasons for the "Natural Area" designation are still valid. The land swap that will subsequently take this land permanently out of the Parks system has to be approved by City Council, so we urge all our Denver residents to contact their City Councilperson and oppose this action. Information is available at www.denvernature.net.



Elk male at Chatfield by Dick Vogel

Join us for the 2013 Legislative Forum!
"Decisions are made by those who show up"

Saturday, March 2, 2013
8:30 am to 1:30pm
First Plymouth Church, 3501 S. Colorado Boulevard, Denver
(SW corner of Colorado and Hampden)

The Audubon Society of Greater Denver and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Sierra Club invite you to the 2013 Legislative Forum to meet other activists and learn about the hot environmental topics of this year's Colorado legislative session. The Forum is always an entertaining and educational event! After the continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Audubon and Sierra Club legislative liaisons will review the session's environmental bills, followed by speakers on the hot topics. So far, our confirmed speakers include a representative from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources; Dan Grossman, Environmental Defense Fund; Matt Sura, law firm of White and Jankowski; and Bryan Martin, formerly Conservation Director for the Colorado Mountain

Club. Legislators have been invited to speak on an after-lunch panel.

The final agenda will be available shortly before the meeting on the ASGD website. The cost of the Forum is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. To register, call the Audubon office at 303-973-9530, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and/or send your check to: ASGD, 9308 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80128.

We can always use help with setup and cleanup; if you are interested in volunteering, mention this when you register and be sure to leave a phone number where you can be contacted.

Common Redpolls dominated this winter's birds.

Having come this morning from a neighbors' plethora of 60-100 redpolls at four feeders that line their porch, Urling and I decided to research these tiny acrobats. They breed in the arctic, at the juncture of boreal forest and tundra, in open, scrubby conifers, alder, and birch. Circumpolar, they breed from Greenland to



Common Redpoll by Bob Santangelo

Alaska, Scandanavia to Siberia. Wander they do: one banded in Belgium was recaptured two winters later in China! Year-round, they feed on tiny seeds; in winter they target the spruces and birches of the boreal forest of Canada, but when, like this year, those seeds fail, they irrupt to the south. 2012-2013 brought thousands to Colorado

and from seaboard to seaboard.

Nyjer feeders bring in hordes. A dozen can cling to a single feeder. When feeding in trees, they hang, titlike, while extracting seeds, or perch on twig-bearing catkins with a one-footed grasp. They can store seeds in their diverticula (laterally expandable sections of the esophagus), before digestion. Later they regurgitate the husk and swallow seeds while sheltered in dense conifers – thus saving energy during intense cold.

The first Audubon backyarder to report redpolls: **Kevin Corwin** had one male in “my little townhouse yard in west Centennial. It was ground-feeding under the seed feeders, hit the water pan for a quick drink, and was gone.” Urling and I saw one Dec. 11-12, briefly each day. **Dave & Mary Driscoll**, Arapahoe County, saw one Dec. 13 “in our chokecherry tree. I had noticed that there were lots more House Finches today coming to our yard, 25-30, & wishing a Common Redpoll would show up. It was on our nyjer feeder briefly, & then it went to our sunflower feeder, but didn't land on it. New life bird for both of us + new yard bird.”

Tom Olkowski emailed a picture for ID Dec. 28 and commented, “This stranger showed up on my back deck in Roxborough Park. I caught a glimpse of him about three weeks ago but this was my best sighting. He has some characteristics of a Common Redpoll but would be farther south than they usually roam in winter. Another opinion is a House Finch with a touch of albinism. I had one a few years back that had almost a completely white face and head.” Redpoll it was.

From Aurora, **Donna Levene** sent us her first sighting for our column: “Jan. 7-8, we had at least 16 Common Redpolls eating sunflower chips off the ground and at the feeders. First time ever, and a life lister.”

Jan. 17, Bob Santangelo emailed, “While contemplating making a trip to Ft Collins to participate in the recent Common Redpoll-looza (over 100 came to a museum feeder for at least a month) I was amazed to see a small flock of the buggers in my driveway in Wheat Ridge! Wow! They stayed the weekend of Jan 12-13 (during the cold snap) and feasted on nyjer/thistle/sunflower mix along with the ever-increasing number of American Goldfinches (which by the way, are showing a lot of yellow for January).

“I added two additional feeders, and spent a small fortune for 20 lbs. of bird food. I figured by showing up when they did, they saved me some gas money. Anyway, I had a lot of fun taking pictures from the comfort of my front room window.”



Rose-Breasted Grosbeak by Susan Blanchett

An immature male Rose-breasted Grosbeak showed up at **Susan Blanchett's** feeder in Golden Nov. 13-14. “I was delighted when this fellow showed up at my kitchen window feeder on Monday! He stayed all day; and he showed up again Tuesday. I have not seen him since then, so am hopeful he is wending his way south to

join his kind. What a gift! Am still smiling from the joy I experienced observing this migrant on his journey!”

Backyard Birds (cont.)

Red-breasted Nuthatches have become regular Denver residents. **Bill Eden** has one regular, **Barbara Shissler** has a regular pair. **Christy Honnen** would like hers to move on – it spent most of January pecking at the stucco on the side of her house – either looking for bugs or a new shelter. Bushtit reports included a photo from **Dick Vogel** of a male – dark eye; four Dec. 23 at Barb’s and regulars at Bill’s. The Denver Urban Christmas count on Jan. 1 tallied 49 Bushtits and 17 Red-breasted Nuthatches.

Two White-winged Doves among the numerous Eurasian Collared-Doves surprised **Doug Kibbe and Kez Goldthwait** (Littleton Jan. 8). Kevin’s townhouse yard attracted four Cedar Waxwings Dec. 13, on the water pan and crabapple trees and a Brown Creeper working “one of those long-needed ornamental pine trees they plant in these communities.”

In her Centennial yard at the intersection of two open spaces, **Mary Fran O’Connor** had several “anomalies.” Last August, a Sage Thrasher working leaf litter and rabbit brush. In December, a combo of new yard birds: Steller’s Jay, Mountain Chickadees, and Townsend’s Solitaires. She wondered



Townsend Solitaire by Bill Eden

whether serving more nuts and eliminating safflower seeds did it, but I suspect the source comes from somewhere else. On the Black Forest Christmas Count – a stronghold of Ponderosa Pines – we saw not a single cone – green, ripe, or empty – and few ponderosa birds. In our Franktown yard we have, since early December, counted record numbers of

Steller’s – 26 the high number so far – perhaps refugees from a coneless land.

Fran also saw, “sitting on our fence in early December, a Rough-legged Hawk. Dressy feathered pants, tail bands, and tiny feet were good markings as we live in a Red-tailed Hawk community. So close we could see the yellow cere.” Her “most entertaining visitor:” a Great Horned Owl that

“aggravates the entire avian population in our yard. The corpulent owl sits in our ponderosa pine in the late afternoon and the magpies attempt eviction by turning their butts to the owl and rubbing their long tail feathers against him. He does not budge.”

Dick and Mary Lee Anderson, walking their dog Jan. 7, saw a Red-tailed Hawk land “on a tower at University Park School, followed closely by a Cooper’s Hawk that landed in an ash tree a few yards from the school. The Cooper’s seemed to be following the red-tail and chattered at it after it landed – ‘kak-kak-kak’ . . . We located the Red-tailed Hawk later in the top of spruce tree a few blocks away but did not see the Cooper’s Hawk again. A number of resident American Crows were calling and flying in the area but they never paid any attention to the Red-tail.”



Sharp-Shinned Hawk by Rex Nelson

Amy Law has “about every feeder known to humankind in our backyard on Green Mountain in Lakewood – tubes, thistle socks, suet cages, house, and platform feeders – we’ve got ‘em all, filled with as many different types of bird food as we can find. The idea, of course is to attract a lot of different kinds of birds. And we do.

“The excitement ratchets up a notch when a hawk decides to take advantage of the easy pickin’s. We just had a small accipiter of some sort – either a small Cooper’s or a Sharp-Shinned – swoop into the green ash tree where the birds perch to wait their turn at the feeders. The sparrows and finches scattered and the hawk did two tight complete circles among the branches of the tree, flitting bat-like in pursuit of a cheepie. When it didn’t snag one, it shot off across the yard into the blue spruce across the street to regroup and try again elsewhere.

Backyard Birds (cont.)

“Later the same day, I let the dogs out to chase a squirrel that was raiding the feeders. When I opened the door, I startled a Cooper’s Hawk perching in the same tree as the previous drama. It had been stalking the squirrel. The dogs’ need to chase the squirrel probably saved its life. The second raptor seemed larger, and it seems unlikely that a hawk would return to an area so soon, so I suspect that they were different birds.”

Kate Frost called Jan. 11 about a Goshawk in her yard that acted as if it had an injury, so she called a rehabilitator. “The bird flew as I was leaving a message at Birds of Prey, so I guess it wasn’t too badly injured. What a thrill!” Urling and I discussed this and wondered if possibly the Gos had captured some prey that it mantled to keep another critter from snatching it.

Greg Price sent a splendid picture of an Eastern Screech-Owl perched at a hole in a maple tree in Observatory Park – it has spent most of the winter there and probably will breed there too.

On Jan. 18 **Barbara Spagnuolo** reported two notable observations: “an adult Bald Eagle circled over East Plum Creek in Castle Rock, where Meadows Parkway crosses over the creek. (The only other time I have seen a BAEA in Castle Rock was this same area during the winter several years ago.) It just lazily circled around the creek, along with a few ravens nearby.”

“Also along East Plum Creek was a Black-billed Magpie carrying nesting material to a new partially-built nest about 8 feet up a willow tree. January 18 seems a bit early for nest-building.”

Many worry about the hordes of Canada Geese in our parks, yards, and ponds. City Park, reported **Cindy Yeast** on Dec. 31, started using ‘goosinators’ to harry geese away from the park. Cindy worried that the contraptions would bother ducks on the ponds. “The Animal And Wildlife Coordinator for Denver Parks said that other waterfowl were not as affected by the goosinator, but I’m not sure how this can be measured. City Park seems very focused on getting them out of



Black-Billed Magpie by Dick Vogel

the park, and if they consider it a success, they will buy goosinators for other parks that have large numbers. I emailed the Colorado Dept. of Wildlife; they know that the goosinators are being used and said this hazing is legal as long as it doesn’t hurt the birds or interfere with rearing their young.

“I can say the goosinators have had a big impact on the geese – greatly reducing the numbers of both the migrating and residents in City Park. I am not sure where the geese have gone – maybe to other parks and green areas.”

That of course, hits the core of the problem: where did they go? Goosinators simply export the problem. Urling and I see the same thing – people who trap and drop squirrels may solve their own problem (if they trap enough – usually dozens) but they ship the problem to someone else. We wouldn’t have fox squirrels in Franktown without people who “liberated” them. If you trap squirrels, DO NOT truck them to another neighborhood – and exacerbate the problem.



Bushtit by Bill Eden

Cindy Yeast emailed on Jan. 23, “I think that the Canada geese have figured out the Goosinator. They do fly away, but many come back. Maybe it reduced the number of the migratory geese by chasing them away to other green areas for a while, but I believe the resident geese, pretty easy to spot since they are in smaller flocks and aren’t as afraid of people, seem to have figured out the Goosinator is not going to harm them. They don’t like it, but they are not staying away from the park because of it – they just go over the golf course for a while and “fertilize” the greens.”

Bill Eden recently reported that he has had Bushtits in his yard daily now. One flock included 29 individuals.

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