



# THE Warbler

January/February 2007

ISBN: 1531-2283 Volume 41, No.1

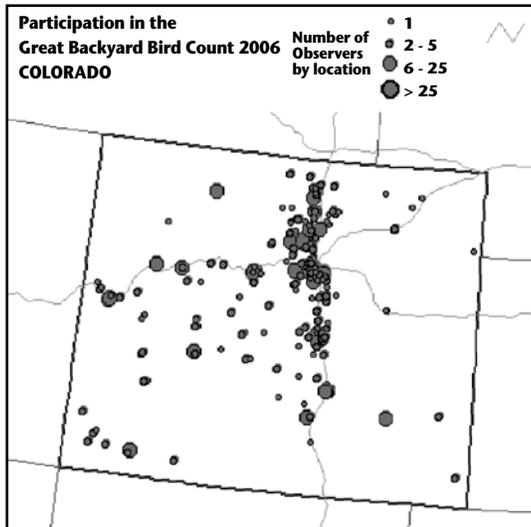
NEWSLETTER OF THE AUDUBON SOCIETY OF GREATER DENVER

## Get ready for the Great Backyard Bird Count

The Tenth Great Backyard Bird Count takes place over President's Day weekend, February 16-19, 2007. Denver Auduboners are invited to be part of this continent-wide team effort.

Organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Science Division of National Audubon Society, this annual four-day event engages bird watchers of all levels in counting birds and reporting their results to create a mid-winter snapshot of the numbers, kinds, and distribution of birds across the continent.

The count spans all of the United States and Canada. Participants take part wherever they are – at home, in schoolyards, at local parks or wildlife refuges. Observers simply count the highest number of each species they see during an outing or a sitting, then enter their tally on the



Great Backyard Bird Count web site at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc).

Counters can compare their sightings with results from other participants, as checklists pour in. Together, these counts offer a real-time snapshot of the

numbers and kinds of birds that people are finding, from Boreal Chickadees in Alaska to Anhingas in Florida.

"The Great Backyard Bird Count is a community celebration of birds, birding and nature," said Janis Dickinson, director of Citizen Science at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "We often fail to notice how rich our surroundings are, but counting birds, even for just 15 minutes, is not only educational—it can provide a lasting source of enjoyment, turning a daily walk into a treasure hunt."

Last year, participants submitted more than 60,000 checklists – and reported 7.5 million birds overall and 623 different species. Colorado contributed 358 checklists, tallying 70,568 birds.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is free and open to all. For more information, visit [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc)

## Bats of Mesa Verde National Park

by Elise Apple Snider and Polly Reetz

Through the Lois Webster Research Fund, Audubon Society of Greater Denver funded five research projects in 2006. The Lois Webster Fund gives grants for research and education on Colorado wildlife, with emphasis on species in decline and in danger of becoming threatened or endangered. Two projects concerned birds: a year-long survey of bird species in the City of Aurora's Open Space parks and a study of burrowing owls on the Pawnee National Grassland, looking at effects of plague, recreational shooting and potential management actions. Three projects researched mammal ecology: the status of the northern pika in four areas, the ecology of two bat species in Mesa Verde

National Park, and a survey of bat species of Boulder County.

Articles about each project will appear in 2007 issues of The Warbler.

Our first report, a field season report on the Mesa Verde bat study, comes from Elise Apple Snider, graduate student in wildlife and conservation biology from Colorado State University:

Our study of the habitat ecology of the Western long-eared bat and the fringed bat in Mesa Verde National Park aims to set forth strategies for conservation of the species. Bearing the formal title "Ecological Characteristics of Syntopic Long-eared Bats, *Myotis evotis* and *Myotis thysanodes*, in Mesa Verde National Park," this research

*See Mesa Verde bats continued on page 11*

January/February 2007 Page 1



Many reports of a raven-like bird with a white collar and belly came in during September, October and November. Angie Koehler of Washington Park provided this photo. ASGD Master Birders Hugh and Urling Kingery identify it as a Pied Crow, an African native. The mysterious appearance in Colorado caused a stir. (See "Backyard Birds" on page 9.)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

### FOCUS ON GLOBAL WARMING

The National Audubon Society Board of Directors meeting in October 2006 focused on global warming, wind energy development, and Audubon's role in these issues. The Board stated "Global warming is a serious and present threat to people, birds and other wildlife. The U.S. should adopt a clear national policy to proactively reduce the threat of global warming."

The Board recommended increased research and economic incentives to reduce greenhouse gases, agreeing Audubon has a unique role to play in regard to policies developed to explore renewable energy resources while "... assuring avian impacts are clearly taken into account."

What does this mean to us here in Colorado? We, too, have a unique role in the focus on global warming. By doing local bird counts, recording and charting the results, we may be the first to recognize trends in bird populations. Our citizen-scientists are already noticing changes in migrations, nesting and territories. Counters, spotters and recorders on field trips are on the front lines of using birds as indicators of global change.

Individuals motivated to make a difference can have a huge impact on the reduction of greenhouse gases and on the use of renewable energy resources by voting for candidates willing to address these issues. Each of us can make informed choices on the vehicles we drive, the products and services we buy, and the recycling of materials no longer needed.

Members supporting Audubon Society of Greater Denver are making it possible to deliver nature programs for children and adults to get the word out on threats to the environment and the importance of nature in our lives. People are already noticing the loss of conifers along the mountain highways. The Rocky Mountain Nature Association reports 16 species of bark beetles can be found in Rocky Mountain National Park, and that the current outbreak is a result of global warming and ongoing drought. Mild winters and warm summers the past several years have allowed beetles to spread their destruction of pines, spruce, and fir trees. The park is spraying "high value" trees near campsites and developed areas of the park, but this represents only about 1% of the park land. Will the other 99% of the park lands lose the beautiful forests that are home to birds and other animals? What will be the economic impact if visitors no longer come because the trees and animals are gone?

Global warming is a fact. Actions by local and state governments can make a difference, but it all starts with individuals willing to take action. The cumulative impact of many actions can change the world.



Doris Cruze

## Monthly Friend Meetings?

The ASGD Board wants to know if members have sufficient interest in monthly meetings, with programs and/or guest speakers, to self-organize and sustain such gatherings. Member meetings were held in the past. If you'd be willing to be part of a monthly member meeting committee, please contact ASGD President Doris Cruze [cruzeduo@aol.com](mailto:cruzeduo@aol.com) or 303-798-8072).

## Correction

Jerry Raskin should have been credited for the photos accompanying "Lois Webster Outdoor Classroom dedication held September 30, 2006" on page 1 of *The Warbler*, November/December 2006.



9308 S. Wadsworth Boulevard  
Littleton, Colorado 80128  
303-973-9530 • Fax 303-973-1038  
[www.denveraudubon.org](http://www.denveraudubon.org)

### ASGD OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

#### President Doris Cruze

[cruzeduo@aol.com](mailto:cruzeduo@aol.com)

#### 1st Vice President Jerry Raskin

[raskinjerry@comcast.net](mailto:raskinjerry@comcast.net)

#### 2nd Vice President Ann Bonnell

[abonnell@juno.com](mailto:abonnell@juno.com)

#### Treasurer Carol DeStefanis

[carmdstf@aol.com](mailto:carmdstf@aol.com)

#### Secretary Polly Reetz

[reetzfam@juno.com](mailto:reetzfam@juno.com)

#### Lavonne Axford

#### Tom Easley

[teasley1@comcast.net](mailto:teasley1@comcast.net)

#### Mackenzie Goldthwait

[jkezkgold@comcast.net](mailto:jkezkgold@comcast.net)

#### Jo Evans

[jo.evans@comcast.net](mailto:jo.evans@comcast.net)

#### Senator Ken Gordon

[ken.gordon.senate@state.co.us](mailto:ken.gordon.senate@state.co.us)

#### Allison Hilf

[ahilf@aol.com](mailto:ahilf@aol.com)

#### Arlene Raskin

[raskinarlene@comcast.net](mailto:raskinarlene@comcast.net)

#### Allen Stokes

[allenstokes@aol.com](mailto:allenstokes@aol.com)

#### Kent Wiley

[wileysk1@msn.com](mailto:wileysk1@msn.com)

### ASGD STAFF

#### Executive Director

#### Donny Roush

[droush@denveraudubon.org](mailto:droush@denveraudubon.org)

#### Education Director

#### Susan Smith

[ssmith@denveraudubon.org](mailto:ssmith@denveraudubon.org)

#### Office Manager

#### Rhonda Shank

[rshank@denveraudubon.org](mailto:rshank@denveraudubon.org)

#### Bookkeeper

#### Nancy Abramson

[nabramson@ieee.org](mailto:nabramson@ieee.org)

### MISSION

ASGD is a nonprofit group dedicated to maintaining the health of natural ecosystems through education, political action, scientific research and land preservation, with primary focus on birds, other wildlife and ecosystems of the South Platte River watershed.

### MEMBERSHIP

FRIENDS OF ASGD receive the Warbler and additional membership benefits. Members of the National Audubon Society in the Denver Metro Area receive complimentary copies of the *The Warbler*.

The Warbler is published bimonthly by the Audubon Society of Greater Denver (ASGD).

Editor C. Dale Flowers  
Flowers & Associates, Inc.  
[cdale@cdale.com](mailto:cdale@cdale.com)

© 2007

# Bluebird open house

The bluebirds are returning for another season and so are we! Come join us for the Colorado Bluebird Project's third annual Bluebird Open House on Saturday, March 24th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Audubon Center at Chatfield (directions below).

We'll have presentations and workshops on:

- The Project, our goals and progress over the past year
- The natural history of bluebirds
- Building and mounting nest boxes (and we'll have boxes for sale, both pre-built and in kit form)
- Why it's so important to provide nesting habitat
- How to monitor boxes during the nesting season
- Safeguarding your nest boxes from parasites and predators
- Keeping good field notes and reporting your results
- Updates on Cornell's new database and the North American Bluebird Society's plans for their 2007 convention in Georgia.

We'll also be showing a 15-minute video illustrating what really happens inside a nest box during the nesting season. Even some of our more seasoned nest box monitors were surprised by what they saw!

The party is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to 303-973-9530, so we'll know how many snacks to bring.

Driving directions to the Audubon Center at Chatfield: From C-470 & Wadsworth Blvd, drive south on Wadsworth about 4.4 miles and turn left onto Waterton Road. The entrance to the Audubon Center is about 100 yards on the left, look for the big stone sign "Audubon Society of Greater Denver".

—Kevin Corwin, Chair, Colorado Bluebird Project

## Bluebird box builders needed

The Colorado Bluebird Project is ready to start building nest boxes at the new Audubon Center at Chatfield. All we need to get started is...you! If you want to help build nest boxes for our little blue friends please contact us at [bluebirdproject@denveraudubon.org](mailto:bluebirdproject@denveraudubon.org). No prior experience is needed. We will have two types of work sessions: one will focus on cutting the boards and drilling the entrance and ventilation holes; the other will focus on assembling the boxes.

We want to set a schedule that accommodates the most volunteers possible, so when you send your email to us please let us know the following:

- Do you prefer daytime or nighttime sessions?
- Do you prefer weekend sessions, or during the week?
- Do you prefer a specific day of the week?
- Do you prefer one type of work session over the other (cutting vs. assembly)?
- How many sessions per month do you think you'd like to attend? Sessions will probably run 1-3 hours, and you're obviously not required to stay the whole time.

Don't hesitate to ask questions if you need more information! Thanks!

—Kevin Corwin, Chair, Colorado Bluebird Project

# New Faces, New Opportunities: 2007 Legislative Workshop

**Decisions are made by those who show up.**

Your votes in the 2006 election have wrought great changes in Colorado's government. What are the prospects for the next legislative session?

The Audubon Society of Greater Denver and the Enos Mills chapter of the Sierra Club are co-sponsoring our annual Legislative Workshop on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at First Plymouth Church, at the southwest corner of Colorado Blvd. and E. Hampden, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is your chance to show up, learn how best to influence legislation, meet like-minded people, review the issues, eat a great meal, and hear from lobbyists and legislators about bills that affect Colorado's environment. Please join us as we learn to work with our legislators to protect the things Audubon and Sierra members value: wildlife habitat, clean water, clean air and open spaces. This year we'll feature a discussion with Democratic and Republican leaders, break-out sessions on specific issues, and a guest speaker at lunch.

To reserve your spot please, call 303-973-9530 or go online to [www.denveraudubon.org/conserv.htm](http://www.denveraudubon.org/conserv.htm) and fill out a registration form. Cost is \$12 and we also ask you to bring a drink, dessert, salad or bread for the potluck. Walk-ins are also welcome; cost is \$15 at the door.

## Jan. 22nd deadline for Lois Webster Fund grants

Every year, the Lois Webster Fund (LWF) awards grants in partnership with other non-profit organizations and government agencies for Colorado non-game wildlife research and education projects. Requests for proposals were sent out in November to a large number of academic institutions, local, state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations. The deadline for proposals is January 22, 2007. Guidelines and application forms are available on the ASGD website at [www.denveraudubon.org/loiswebster.htm](http://www.denveraudubon.org/loiswebster.htm).

This year, approximately \$5,400 will be available to fund one or more projects.

In 2006, five projects, out of 15 applications, were awarded grants from the LWF. This fund was established by Lois and her friends 12 years ago and is supported by the generosity of her friends and many ASGD members through annual contributions.

Please help us spread the word about the availability of the grants and send a donation to the LWF this year!



# Eagle Eye

Watching Public Policy for the Environment  
by Polly Reetz

**W**hat a surprise! The Colorado legislature not only didn't revert to Republican control in the November elections, but rather the Democrats gained seats in both House and Senate. Add to this a Democrat in the Governor's seat, and it seems obvious that we'll observe a few changes in the conduct of state government in 2007. Colorado House Speaker Andrew Romanoff commented at a District 6 meeting late in the month that "it will be good to have a governor to work with." He expects the new Governor will sit down with legislators and hammer out legislation rather than take the hands-off approach of his predecessor.

Governor-elect Ritter has focused on alternative energy as his major environmental theme, but you can bet that environmental legislation that faltered under the previous administration will also be back. Some bills we can expect to see (and maybe pass):

- Compensation for land-owners who don't own the subsurface minerals under their property and so have had no control over how energy companies treat the land. Rep. Kathleen Currey of Gunnison introduced such a bill last year and is likely to reintroduce it again this year. The previous bill looked only at compensation after the fact, but Audubon will work to get the new one to take a preventive approach—we want to avoid the damage in the first place! The Colorado Wildlife Federation and Colorado Wild would like to extend this approach to public lands as well.
- Making local government master plans legally binding. Right now, a city can ask developers to adhere to its master plan, but if the developers choose to ignore that request the city can do nothing to enforce the plan's provisions. This legislature has also seen this bill before.
- Requiring maximum efficiency of water use and mitigation of environmental harm before an entity can transfer water from one hydrologic basin to another. Referred to as the "Basin of Origin" bill, this one has been around previously too.
- Changing the make-up of the Colorado Wildlife Commission to include more representatives of the non-consumptive users (such as birdwatchers) of wildlife.
- Increasing the percentage of energy generated by renewable energy sources to 20% by 2020.
- Protecting isolated waters (streams, ponds, playas, fens, etc.) in Colorado that may not be protected by the federal Clean Water Act. Recent court decisions have confused this issue and left these extremely valuable wildlife habitats with little protection

from dredging, filling and draining. This one's an Audubon priority.

If our legislators deal with education, health care and transportation as well, they will accomplish an amazing amount!

**On the national scene:** a real foe of the environment, Rep. Richard Pombo of California, was defeated in his bid for re-election. Rep. Pombo tended to ignore scientific facts and rely instead on anecdote, and his bill to "reform" the Endangered Species Act would have effectually gutted it. So, even though there will undoubtedly be other attempts to amend the Act, they should be more on the line of minor tweaking rather than wholesale destruction. Rep. Nick Rahall of West Virginia will now chair the U.S. House Resources Committee, where many environmental bills are heard. In the Senate, environmentalists lost Republican Sen. Lincoln Chaffee, a strong proponent of wildlife and habitat protection, but the Democratic takeover puts Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) in the chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which will be an enormous improvement.

Please note that ASGD and the Enos Mills Group of the Sierra Club are holding the annual Legislative Workshop on Saturday, February 3rd. A description and registration form are located on another page of this Warbler. Plan to attend—and remember, decisions are made by those who show up (and participate)!

## Are YOU Ready?

### Spring Birding...

### is just around the corner!



Saturday Feb. 10th  
10 AM until 4 PM

## "Clean & Check"

Bring in your Binoculars & / or Spotting Scopes

### EXTERNAL CLEAN

### & Overall Performance Check.



Product Demo's and  
several Manufacturer Reps.



Leica, Swarovski, Pentax, Vortex,  
Canon, Celestron, Zeiss and More!

## S & S OPTIKA

5174 South Broadway  
Englewood, Colorado 80113  
303-789-1089

Brookridge Shopping Center  
South East Corner of Bellevue & Broadway





# AUDUBON SOCIETY

of GREATER DENVER

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	ASGD Office Closed New Year's Day 1	2	3	7pm Costa Rica Trip Get-Together 4	5	6
9am Walk the Wetlands 7	7pm Master Birder Class 8	7pm ASGD Board Meeting 9	10	11	12	8am Master Birder Field Trip 13
14	ASGD Office Closed 7pm (Optional) Master Birder Class Martin Luther King Day 15	7pm Conservation Committee 16	17	18	19	20
21	7pm Master Birder Class Lois Webster Fund App Deadline 22	23	24	Costa Rica Trip Departs 25	26	27
8am Master Birder Field Trip 28	29	30	8:30am ASGD Executive Committee Meeting 31			

### FEBRUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Birdseed Order Deadline 1	2	8:30am Legislative Workshop 3
9am Walk the Wetlands 9am Master Birder Field Trip 4	7pm Master Birder Class 5	Costa Rica Trip Returns 6	7	8	Birdseed Delivery 9	Birdseed Pick-up Tagawa Bird Festival 10
9am Master Birder Field Test 11	9am Master Birder Field Test 12	7pm ASGD Board Meeting 13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	Great Backyard Bird Count 17
Great Backyard Bird Count 18	ASGD Office Closed GBBC 7pm Master Birder Class President's Day 19	20	21	22	23	9am Master Birder Field Trip 24
25	26	27	2pm ASGD Executive Committee Meeting 28			

# TRAVEL, FIELD TRIPS, CLASSES & PROGRAMS

To Register for Trips & Classes Call the ASGD Office at 303.973.9530

Join FRIENDS of ASGD and Receive Discounts on Field Trips and Classes

View Photos and Read Reviews from Trip Participants in Our Trip Scrapbook Online at [www.denveraudubon.org/scrapbook.htm](http://www.denveraudubon.org/scrapbook.htm)



## – FIELD TRIPS & TRAVEL –

### Winter Hawks and Eagles on the Northern Front Range

**DATES:** Saturday, January 6 9 a.m.

or Sunday, January 14 9 a.m.

**LEADERS:** Harold & Betty Oliver (303-936-6902)

*Pre-registration is required; each trip is limited to 10 people.*

**FEE:** \$8/Friends members, \$10/non-member

**Meeting Place:** Highway 7 in Brighton and I-25, Exit 229, Lark Ridge Shopping Center, Home Depot parking lot, west end of store near contractors exit.

**Description:** The Olivers have generously agreed, as in years past, to lead their popular trip on two different days—choose either one. Participants may see up to nine different hawk species. The Olivers have recorded over 100 raptors on these trips, including numerous Bald Eagles and Ferruginous Hawks. Bring lunch or buy it at McDonald's. Bring binoculars and field guides.

### Walk the Wetlands

**DATES:** Sunday, January 7 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 4 9 a.m.

**LEADERS:** Hugh & Urling Kingery (303-814-2723),

Bob Brown, and Doris Cruze

*Pre-registration is NOT required.*

**FEE:** None

**MEETING PLACE:** Parking lot at the Audubon Center at Chatfield. The Audubon Center is located on Waterton Road, 4.4 miles south of C-470 and Wadsworth.

**DESCRIPTION** We will hike along the South Platte River and look for winter birds such as raptors, ducks and seed-eating perching birds. We always find surprises. Dress in layers for the weather. Bring binoculars, field guides, water and a snack.

### Ducks in Winter

**DATE:** Sunday, January 21 9 a.m.-noon

**LEADERS:** Harold & Betty Oliver (303-936-6902)

*Pre-registration is required.*

**Fee:** \$8/Friends members, \$10/non-member

**MEETING PLACE:** Pasquinell Park, northeast corner of Evans and the South Platte River.

**DESCRIPTION:** In winter ducks wear their most brilliant plumage. Join knowledgeable leader Harold and Betty for spectacular, up-close views of Hooded Merganser, Common

Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Northern Shovelers, and many other ducks. Sometimes they pick-up Red-breasted Mergansers and Barrow's Goldeneyes.

### Raptor Trip in Cherry Creek State Park

(Sponsored by Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners)

**DATE:** Saturday, January 27 9 a.m.

**LEADERS:** Harold & Betty Oliver (303-936-6902)

and Casey Davenhill (303-744-0613)

*Pre-registration is required. Please contact Casey Davenhill at [casey@cherry-creek.org](mailto:casey@cherry-creek.org) or call 303-345-1675.*

**FEE:** No charge, though donations to ASGD are welcome and gladly accepted.

**DESCRIPTION:** Cottonwood Creek is a tributary to Cherry Creek Reservoir and is the site of an innovative restoration project designed to stabilize the channel and recreate a natural, well-vegetated, functional prairie stream system. Access is limited to guided groups and facilitated activities.

The Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners organize volunteer opportunities specifically to assist with the Cottonwood Creek restoration. Volunteers help to assess the overall health and function of the stream and wetland complex. We are scheduling field trips for interested groups and individuals to help us collect census information on Colorado wildlife and native plants. If you would like to become a part of this demonstration project, please join us as we look for prairie dogs, rabbits and the raptors who love them.

### Sandhill Cranes at Kearney, Nebraska

**DATE:** Friday, March 23-Sunday, March 25

**LEADERS:** Hugh & Urling Kingery (303-814-2723)

and Allison Hilf

*Pre-registration is required, transportation by comfortable motor coach.*

**FEE:** \$499 (non-members, add \$30; single supplement, add \$100; \$15 cash discount included in \$499 price). Includes two nights at the Country Inn and Suites, two dinners, two breakfasts, three box lunches, and fees for Rowe Sanctuary blinds.

Each spring something magical happens in the heart of the Great Plains: between late February and early April, a half a million Sandhill Cranes descend to the Platte River valley in central Nebraska. If that's not enough, add to the Platte migratory mix 10 million migrating ducks and geese, in the neighboring Rainwater Basin, as well as dancing (courting) prairie-chickens, and you have one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on the continent.

# TRAVEL, FIELD TRIPS, CLASSES & PROGRAMS

To Register for Trips & Classes Call the ASGD Office at 303.973.9530

Join FRIENDS of ASGD and Receive Discounts on Field Trips and Classes

View Photos and Read Reviews from Trip Participants in Our Trip Scrapbook Online at [www.denveraudubon.org/scrapbook.htm](http://www.denveraudubon.org/scrapbook.htm)



## – FIELD TRIPS & TRAVEL –

We'll depart Denver on Friday morning and arrive in Kearney in time to check in at our hotel and go into a blind at the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary to view the flocks of cranes flying into the Platte River to spend the night. Friday night dinner includes wine-tasting. Saturday morning we'll get up early to view the amazing courtship of the prairie-chickens. Allison Hilf, a volunteer at Rowe Sanctuary and Denver Audubon leader, will guide us to the best wildlife viewing spots in the neighborhood. Saturday night, dinner at the Archway bridge (across I-80), site of the Great Platte River Road Monument with a museum featuring mountain men, Native Americans, Pony Express, and the Oregon, Mormon, and California trails. Sunday morning we'll get up early again to go into another blind to watch the cranes leave the river to feed in the surrounding fields during the day. Return Sunday afternoon.

**MEETING PLACE:** The Audubon Center at Chatfield, 4.4 miles south of C-470 and Wadsworth, on Waterton Road.

**DESCRIPTION:** Have you ever wondered how the Ruffed Grouse, which resides in northwest Colorado, makes its bizarre drumming sound? How does a Common Nighthawk make its courtship sound, which sounds like a bullfrog? Students will learn about bird calls and much more. Additional explorations will explore how chicks know their calls and songs before they are a day or two old, birds exhibiting polyandry (one female mates with several males, but the male mates with only one female), and the finer points of courtship feeding. Courtship behavior in Colorado birds is the emphasis of this class, though some examples of courtship will be mentioned from other areas in North America. Nests will also be available to view.

### Beginning Bird Watching Class

**DATE:** Thursday, March 29 7 p.m.  
Classroom Session  
Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 and  
May 5—field trips

**LEADERS:** Hugh & Urling Kingery (303-814-2723)

*Pre-registration is required.*

**FEE:** \$125/Friends members, \$150/non-member

Meeting Place: Classroom session at the Audubon Center at Chatfield; field trips to birdwatching sites around Denver: Chatfield, Barr Lake and Castlewood Canyon state parks, Wheat Ridge greenbelt, and Genesee Mountain.

**DESCRIPTION:** Voted "Best of Denver!" two decades ago and still going strong. Colorado's premier (and most entertaining) birding couple teaches the art and science of birding like no one else. Learn bird identification, choosing binoculars and field guides, and much more. Visit a variety of habitats and some of the best birding spots in the Denver metro area. Become observant and develop a practiced eye and ear. Make new friends and change the focus of your time outdoors. You can make up any field trips that you miss during future fall or spring class sessions—you'll meet people from more than one previous class repeating the fun!

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

### Bird Mexico's Copper Canyon

March 27-April 4—ONLY FOUR SPACES LEFT!

Enjoy birding in Mexico from the dry, tropical deciduous forest of the Pacific coast to the pine/oak forests of the Sierra Madre Occidental. Travel on the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad, one of the world's great train trips through scenic wilderness along the Copper Canyon. See such birds as the Black-throated Magpie-jay, Thick-billed and Lilac-crowned Parrots, Russet-crowned Motmot, Rufous-bellied Chachalaca, a half dozen species of hummingbirds and many more with excellent local bilingual bird guides. Relax in small, remote inns with excellent accommodations and cuisine. Visit the homes of Tarahumara Indians, indigenous people living in their traditional manner in their mountain strongholds. Tour price is \$1,799/person double-occupancy (airfare not included) for Friends' members, includes accommodations, all meals, train service, sightseeing in vans, walks with resident guides, taxes and pre-departure material. (Non-members add \$100 each.) For more information about the trip, call Bill Turner 303-795-5128, ASGD representative accompanying the tour. To register call ASGD at 303-973-9530.

### Courtship Intricacies of Colorado Birds Class

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 27 7 - 9pm and  
Tuesday, April 3 7 - 9p.m.

**LEADER:** Tina Jones (303-794-2647)

*Pre-registration is required.*

**FEE:** \$20/Friends members, \$25/non-member

### Birding in the Czech Republic

May 7-16—NEWLY ANNOUNCED TRIP!

Join us for a fabulous birding adventure to the Czech Republic, with a possible pre- or post-trip in Prague. Trip includes eight full days of birding and nine nights of accommodation, with

# TRAVEL, FIELD TRIPS, CLASSES & PROGRAMS

To Register for Trips & Classes Call the ASGD Office at 303.973.9530



## – TRAVEL –

food, lodging, professional birding guide, transportation, and sightseeing for \$1895/person double-occupancy (\$80 additional charge for single-occupancy), with 5-6 participants. Our tour of the countryside will take us through North and South Moravia and South Bohemia. During our 2005 trip, we saw over 112 different species, including White and Black Storks, Imperial Eagle, Corncrake, Black Woodpecker, a variety of tits, warblers and more. In between birding destinations, we will visit historic sites and experience Czech culture and food. Our native Czech guide, Otto Zavalsky, is currently working on a birding project funded by the Denver Field Ornithologists to re-introduce Golden Eagles into the Czech Republic. Otto will report on his work at the DFO meeting January 3, 2007, at 7 p.m. (Denver Museum of Nature and Sci.). This is your chance to meet this dedicated and fascinating birder and learn more about his Czech birding tours. (Costs for pre-trip and airfare Denver/Prague to be determined.) To register call ASGD (303-973-9530).

## The Lost Paradise – Papua New Guinea

**August 13-20**

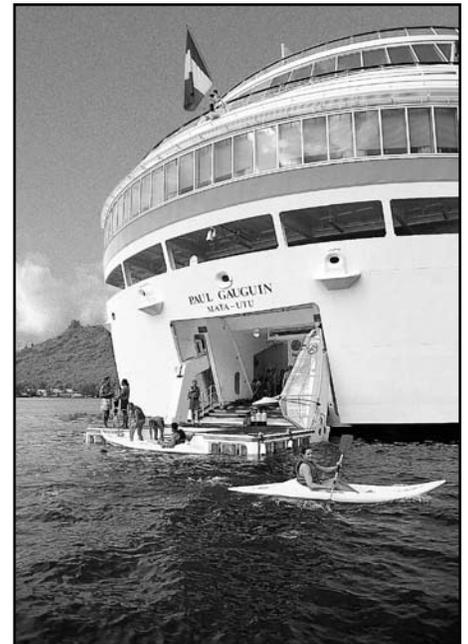
Papua New Guinea is one of those birding destinations that many have heard of, but few know anything about. Join ASGD on a journey of discovery to this distant land. The flora and fauna here is so alien to most that it will seem as if we have traveled back in time. Star attractions are the cassowary (one of the world's four large flightless birds) and the resilient birds of paradise. New Guinea is home to 38 of the world's 43 species of birds of paradise, renowned for their bizarre displays and mating rituals. The forests and lowlands contain many other spectacular species that will test our birding skills. The local culture is also of great interest to us. Many years ago, this was the land of cannibals and headhunters! Things are much different now, but many of the tribes still go about their lives in traditional ways. Our visit is timed to coincide with the biggest cultural event of the year—*The Meeting of the Tribes*. On one weekend in August each year, members from various tribes and clans from all over the New Guinea gather in Mount Hagen. This tradition has gone on for centuries. Each group, dressed in their particular tribal attire, engage in dancing and mock combat. In ancient times, tribes would settle disputes in this same manner instead of going to war. Today, the competition is intended to show pride in one's heritage and to honor ancestors. The competitions and "battles" are taken very seriously. The groups prepare and practice year-round as it is a great honor to attend their "Olympics" and represent their people. It is difficult to describe the magnitude as no event in the U.S. truly prepares one for this amazing and memorable spectacle. This trip could also be an excellent pre-Tahiti cruise excursion (see next international trip).

Cost per person (based on double-occupancy) is \$2,840. Add \$300 for single supplement. Trip price includes in-country air, meals, birding guide, show entrance fee and transfers. Roundtrip air from Denver into Port Moresby is approximately \$1,200 per person. Contact Becky Beckers, Travel For The Birds, for a complete itinerary. Her email is [Agent-Becky@aol.com](mailto:Agent-Becky@aol.com) and office phone is 303-766-5266.

## Tahiti and the Society Islands on the Gauguin—Small Ship Intimacy, Big Ship Amenities August 22-September 1

Is there any group of islands in the world as beautiful or whose history is as eventful as the Society Islands? Probably not. These tropical splendors inspired a mutiny on the infamous *Bounty*. They captured the imagination of Paul Gauguin. They've been immortalized by some of the world's great writers, from Herman Melville, Robert Louis Stevenson and James Michener to Somerset Maugham. These sirens of the South Pacific evoke balmy days, sultry nights and panoramas that could only have been created by Nature in her finest hour. Here giant curls of turquoise break onto reefs that protect blue lagoons and white beaches. Jagged peaks crown emerald rain forests, while some islands appear barely to float above the breaking waves.

The Paul Gauguin was designed specifically for sailing French Polynesia year-round. Thanks to her shallow draft and intimate size (only 160 cabins), she can navigate through the narrow passes of the barrier reefs and around sandbars in the silken lagoons of Bora Bora, Moorea, Raiatea and Tahaa. Here you are immersed in a timeless world of islands and sea, one that quite literally allows you to step off onto a kayak to explore an inviting lagoon. A retractable water sports marina allows guests to kayak, windsurf, snorkel or water-ski right off the ship (all offered on a complimentary basis), or to set off on optional SCUBA dive expeditions supervised



*The ship Paul Gauguin will be your home for this once-in-a-lifetime birding adventure.*

*Tahiti and the Society Islands continued on page 11*

# backyard birds....

by Hugh Kingery



**ANGIE KOEHLER** sent three pictures of a raven-like bird photographed on Sept. 28 in her Washington Park backyard (see the box on p. 1). At first I thought she had a leucistic (partial albino) crow. But her description of a crow-like bird with white belly and white collar made Urling and me wonder if Angela had seen some exotic species, especially because the bird had a band on its right leg and let her approach within 15 feet. It came into her yard with some regular crows, and gobbled up some peanuts that she threw out. Sure enough, after we plowed through bird books for much of the world, the pictures match that of a Pied Crow, from east and central Africa. Do you suppose that people post signs on power poles (a la missing pets) advertising lost crows?

**PIED CROW REPORTS** soon piled in. Somebody saw one in Lakewood. Barb Masoner saw one Oct. 30 in Washington Park (probably Angie's bird) and watched a Cooper's Hawk "that got the murder of crows, including the Pied Crow, into their mobbing mode." Lee Gleickmann saw one Nov. 13 at County Line Road and Quebec, Harvey Neiburg reported one at the Evans & I-25 light rail station on Nov. 18, and Angie's returned on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, to her great delight. All these birds—though I'm not sure about Harvey's, as we wrote down the wrong phone number for him—had a band on the leg. They hang out with American Crows, and we know that those crow flocks range far and wide, but I suspect that this involves more than one Pied Crow.

**ANOTHER EXOTIC** reported may not merit that title much longer. Eurasian Collared-Doves have prospered over the last 10 years. They show up on the fringes of the city. Veronica Holt has watched three in Elizabeth all year until 12 arrived on Oct. 23. Look for them (though as newcomers to the continent, maybe not in your bird book). They look like darker ringed turtle-doves. Of greater interest to me, fall warblers showed up in several yards. Joy Schieving, in south Denver, had the best variety, with a pair of Wilson's most of September, two MacGillivray's on Sept. 30, a Townsend's on Sept. 2, and one or two Yellow-rumps Oct. 4-28. In Parker, Randy Nelson saw mostly Wilson's and Yellows, but also an Orange-crowned on Sept. 16. Kirk Huffstater, near Castle Rock, said that on Oct. 5 "my normally warbler-free yard continued its migratory bounty with a Black-throated Gray Warbler. Penni Sorger, in Aurora, discovered the rarest one: a Hooded Warbler that she saw Nov. 3 and 24. Her pictures confirm it.

**OTHER ODD THINGS** moved through the city. At the dedication of the Lois Webster amphitheater, Patti Locke asked me about a bird she and Scott saw Oct. 3 on her roof: a Rock Wren! They pick rudimentary rock habitat during migration, from cement structures and the botanic gardens to bricks lining a vegetable garden in our old Denver yard. Patty Perron saw a Red-naped Sapsucker in Parker Oct. 21.

The hummingbirds left our yard in September, but Joy, in the city, had two Oct. 1-3. On Green Mountain, Nan Brehmer saw a dramatic increase in hummers, mostly Broad-tailed, this year. Randy Nelson saw his last on Oct. 1 after seeing four species most of the summer—Broad-tailed, Rufous, Calliope, and Black-chinned (daily May 2-Sept. 16).

**MAUD DUKE ASKED**, "Where have all the robins gone?" after she saw a robin on Nov. 25 in Englewood, her first in a long time. I started asking other callers, and many of you saw few robins nesting in your yards this summer. Let me know your experience with them this summer and fall. At his Nov. 5 talk to the Audubon Master Birders, Tony Leukering explained that, as fruit-eaters, robins flock up in the fall and cruise around looking for tasty patches of fruits: crabapples, pyracantha, and hawthorns in the city, junipers, chokecherries, plums in the foothills. By moving in numbers they overcome other birds which have set up winter territories around a patch of fruit. One flock of robins, in an hour, can wipe out the entire winter food supply for a Townsend's Solitaire.

**JEFF STEPHENSON**, outside the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, where he works as collections manager in the Zoology Department, also watched interaction between crow and hawk. "While I work with (almost entirely) dead animals, including birds, I do enjoy encounters with the living. On this particular break, I happened to hear a crow calling. I always look when I hear a crow, for more often than not their diverse vocalizations mean something interesting is going on. This time, it was very interesting indeed. I saw a crow up in the gnarled branches an ancient elm. It was very intent on one of the lower branches. As I followed its gaze down, I saw a Red-tailed Hawk, perched with the body of a fox squirrel firmly in its grasp. The crow's caws intensified, and all of a sudden it dived at the hawk, and after a crafty reconnoiter, repeated its dives twice, three times, four times, sometimes narrowly missing and other times actually hitting the hawk in the back. Not once did the hawk release its grip to present a talon or lose its prey. In between each foray by the crow, the hawk would bend down to feed while a small posse of magpies, also adding their voices, came close to try to steal a morsel.

"After seven or eight near and actual hits by the crow, the hawk ruffled its wings and feathers and tilted back its head to present its formidable beak on the next crow pass. The crow steered clear and ceased its attacks, flying off for some easier pickings. The magpies stayed as uninvited dinner guests throughout the feast, and in the very top branches a flicker watched (seemingly bemused as I) the whole affair. Finally the hawk left well fed if not entertained, its table scraps being fought over by the magpies, who were more patient—or persistent—than the crow.

"In our dioramas and collections cabinets, we have many dead crows, magpies, flickers, and Red-tailed Hawks—important scientific and educational specimens all—but it is an enormous treat to see (and hear) the interactions of the live creatures right outside our door, and right inside our great city."

**JILL HOLDEN REPORTS** on Oct. 14 from Roxborough "a

*Backyard Birds continued on page 10*

# Thanks to Our Volunteers

**Adopt-a-Platte Survey Volunteers:** Fran Campbell, Ellie Jones, Peter Mulholland, Joyce Quigley, Tom Reilly, Peggy Roberts, Ralph Wiersma

**Dedication Postcard Mailing:** JoAnn Bushnell, Lynne Forrester, Marc Goodbody, Lori Sharp, Bill Turner

**Clean-up at the Audubon Center at Chatfield:** JoAnn Bushnell, Jeanette Duerksen, Marilyn Fowler, Barb Isaac, Urling Kingery, Carol Larsen, Carolyn Roark, Mary Ellen Sargent, Sue Schulman, Barbara Shissler, John Wright

**Owls of the World Check-in:** Sue J. Haney

**Bird Seed Sale Pick-up:** Tom Bush, Kevin Corwin, Dave Driscoll, Dave Hill, Javier Perez, Jed Raskin

**Fall Members Dinner Mailing:** Lynne Forrester, Marc Goodbody, Jeanne McCune, Vi Nicholson, Carolyn Roark, Barbara Shissler, Bill Turner

**Annual Appeal Hand Addressing Envelopes:** Lynne Forrester, Courtney James, Carolyn Roark, Bill Turner

**Fall Members Dinner Meeting:** Dave Driscoll, Lynne Forrester, Fred Griest, Jeanne McCune, Barbara F. Shissler, Frank Shissler, Paul Slingsby

## Backyard Birds continued from page 9

kestrel watching our feeders for at least a week now. I saw it on the deck where I have the bird feeders, last Saturday, the first time I had ever seen one actually on the deck. In the past I have occasionally seen one perched on top of one of the street lights across the road. This morning it was perched on top of one of the fat alberts in our backyard, watching the empty feeder as a scrub-jay sat atop another fat albert. We haven't had very long looks at it since, with its keen eyesight, as soon as we look out, it becomes aware that it is being looked at and flies away."

**POLLY REETZ HAS**, all fall, grumbled about no hawks at home. But, on Nov. 22, "We were taking a late-evening stroll down Clayton Street when we observed a Sharp-shinned Hawk fly into a large silver maple. We walked a bit closer, and the bird took off and flew into an ash tree across the street. It didn't seem to mind when people walked underneath its tree. This is the first one we've seen this winter, but now that we have our feeder up we hope to attract the hordes of House Sparrows that usually lure accipiters into our yard. Several large trees in the neighborhood have been taken out due to construction so the birds don't have as many observation posts any more, but we'll see...."

**IN TWO BIG BLUE SPRUCES**, House Sparrows chatter each morning as Margaret Tews wakes up (in Park Hill). They roost in the trees and start their half-hour conversation at 6:45. Around 7:15 they start to fly out in small groups, and by 7:30 the cacophony stops.

**KEVIN CORWIN** saw Bushtits in Centennial Nov. 2 and 23; Joy saw them Oct. 15 and 24, and Randy saw a flock Oct. 4. Randy observed "our first-of-the-season Pine Siskins on Sept. 21, after no Lesser Goldfinches since Sept. 16." He sees a "few American Goldfinches in their drab winter plumage."

**November/December Warbler Mailing:** Willa Brunkhorst, Billy L. Funk, Marc Goodbody, Viola (Vi) Nicholson, Ruth Schoening, Barbara Shissler, Bill Turner

**Library Organization:** Lavonne Axford, Carolyn Roark

**Office Support:** Lynne Forrester, Courtney James, Phil Reynolds, Grace Weber

**Volunteers for School & Youth Programs:** Urling Kingery, Barbara Masoner, Jeanne McCune, Arlene Raskin, Polly Reetz

**Raffle Committee:** Arlene Raskin, Barbara Shissler, Susan Smith

**Field Trip Leaders:** Doris Cruze, Hugh & Urling Kingery, Barbara Masoner, Dave Rhoades

## Save the Date!

### ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT & AUCTION

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Riverfront Event Center in Littleton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Lynne Forrester if you would like to help before or during the event.

[lforrester@denveraudubon.org](mailto:lforrester@denveraudubon.org)

303-973-9530

Contrary at our house: American Goldfinches inundated our feeder in November; we counted 50 one day. They display a huge variety in their plumage, from fairly bright yellow (Urling even saw one Nov. 26 still sporting a black forehead) to those lovely subtle shades of beige, yellow, and cream, to almost colorless. About the time they showed, our lessers left.

**NAN REPORTS** that she sees Blue Jays as frequently as scrub-jays. "My daughter-in-law from Oaxaca, Mexico, thinks the Blue Jay is our most 'exotic' appearing bird." At our house we see Steller's and scrubs, but the usual winter Blue Jays haven't appeared.

**PAT BRODBENT** on Oct. 6 described an evening show of Western Bluebirds in Franktown. "Each evening about two dozen are in and on top of the birdhouses, flying around the entry hole and chirping away. It looks like they all want to get in the same house but it must be completely full as another bird is sticking his head out, peeking at any potential new roommates, so the overflow ends up in other houses. I suspect these bluebirds were born in these houses over the years and want to visit their childhood home before migrating. During the day the birdbaths are sometimes full of Western Bluebirds lined up for their daily bath."

**NOW OUR FEEDER STORY OF THE YEAR**, from Kathy Dressel of Franktown, datelined Oct. 14: "We are still feeding mealworms morning and evening to about 40 Western Bluebirds that we have trained to come to the mealworms with a bell, for the ones in front, and whistling for the ones in back."

**I WELCOME YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS** to this column. Drop me a note or post card at P.O. Box 584, Franktown 80116, or email me, [ouzel@juno.com](mailto:ouzel@juno.com).

# Goldthwait joins ASGD Board

In November, Mackenzie Goldthwait was appointed to fill an uncompleted term on the ASGD Board of Directors. Here she introduces herself:

I actually have to thank Lady Slippers for introducing me to bird watching. My grandmother and I used to walk in



*Mackenzie Goldthwait*

the woods every spring looking for that beautiful and rare flower, which were abundant in the woods on her property. We soon began searching for and identifying birds in the woods and at her many feeders. I have continued to love bird watching, but have expanded my scope to conservation and wildlife medicine. I graduated from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1989 with a special interest in Wildlife Medicine and Conservation. I worked for 18

months at The Cape Wildlife Center in Massachusetts before moving back to Colorado in 2001. As well as participating in a busy small animal hospital in Highlands Ranch, I take care of injured and ill wildlife and lecture to and teach Colorado wildlife rehabilitators. I am thrilled to have been elected to the Board of Directors of ASGD and hope to help make a difference for Colorado's wildlife.

## Bats of Mesa Verde continued from page 1

seeks to evaluate impacts of recent forest fires that swept through the park.

Throughout field season, May to August, we captured more than 800 bats of 15 species, including two species new to Mesa Verde – the spotted bat and the Yuma myotis. As our focus required study of roosting ecology and food habits, we put a lot of effort into finding bat roosts throughout June and July.

To find these roost sites, 16 bats of the two target species were marked with radio transmitters and tracked to their day roosts during June and July. Twenty-one roosts were in cliffs and rock crevices, while five were in pinon trees, juniper trees and downed logs. In August, we looked at roost characteristics and measured surrounding vegetation while the roosts were unoccupied. We also collected insect samples from different forest strata at both burned and unburned sites every two weeks, using light traps, beating and sweep-netting to decrease the bias that can accrue from using just one method. We were examining whether change in insect diversity and abundance during summer is reflected in the bats' diet.

Subsequent work will build a database of insect prey, using our samples. Then, we will identify the food habits of *M. evotis* and *M. thysanodes* through fecal pellet analysis and, finally, compare the two. Come spring, we will measure such variables as distances between roosts and perennial water sources and between roosts and the nearest burned and unburned areas.

Elise Snider will present this research at an ASGD members' meeting planned for May 2007.

# Gifts to ASGD

## **Benefactor:**

The Front Range Birding Company  
Jerry & Arlene Raskin

## **Direct Donors**

Larry & Wanda Bailey, John & Kit Bazley, Kenneth Bennett, George & Geraldine Biram, Jennifer Bolanda, Kathryn Bollhoefer, Mary Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Carson, Deborah A. Carstensen, Lois Jo Caviness, Ted & Shelly Cooper, Patricia R. Donovan, David & Mary Loving-Driscoll, Jeff & Kathy Dunning, Jody Georgeson, Tom & Charlotte Gottlieb, Lyn Graves, Celia Greenman & Michael Seal, Julia A. Grundmeier, Mark & Jill Holden, Jan Justice-Waddington, Patricia Locke, Pam Metz & Charlene Byers, Scott Miller, Joyce Mosectic, Cynthia Nunnelee, Danielle Okin, Thomas Parchman, Richard A. & Rachel K. Paull, Donny Roush & Rene Horton, Sue Schulman, William Titus, Thea R. Necker-Wachter, Eunice Yost

## **In-kind Donors**

Midge Ball—Picture collection on CD  
Doris Cruze—Primer, paint, mats  
Jerry & Arlene Raskin—Spotting scope  
Nancy Stocker—Notebooks & file folders

# Welcome New Friends Members

Tom Bovee, Joseph Bump, Terry Cookro, Linda Harris, Jeanne Howell, Monna Krebs, Robert Kuster, Donny Roush & Rene Horton, Don & Susie Roush, Diane Schier, Jenny Tallmadge, Linda Wiles, Donna Wood

## Tahiti and the Society Islands continued from page 8

by Professional Association of Diving Instructors guides. Regent Seven Seas Cruises' informal six-star service offers comfort and luxury with spacious ocean-view staterooms (half with private balconies), a choice of three single-seating dining venues, and an extensive spa. Every cabin is supplied with a basket of fresh fruit, a refrigerator, an in-suite bar supplied with complimentary liquors, and a vase of fresh tropical flowers. Every night, a small gift is placed on your pillow—a Polynesian bedtime story relating one of the romantic legends of the islands—along with a fragrant tiare (white gardenia) blossom to scent the air for pleasant dreams. Touches of French Polynesia are everywhere, from the troupe of Les Gauguines—part cruise staff, part entertainers, part storytellers—to the local children who come aboard to sing to the guests.

What's included? All shipboard gratuities, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, late-night snacks and 24-hour room service), select fine wines, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, comprehensive guest lecturer programs and island birding excursions. *For complete prices and cruise itinerary, go to [www.travelforthebirds.com](http://www.travelforthebirds.com) or call Becky Beckers, Travel For the Birds, 303-766-5266. You can also send an email request to [AgentBecky@aol.com](mailto:AgentBecky@aol.com) for additional info.*



**AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
of GREATER DENVER

9308 S. Wadsworth Boulevard  
Littleton, Colorado 80128

**Non-Profit Org.**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**PAID**  
**Denver, CO**  
**Permit 1008**



Scientific & Cultural  
Facilities District  
*Making It Possible.*



**Become a FRIEND of  
the Audubon Society  
of Greater Denver**

*Become a Friend of ASGD at the following levels*

**INDIVIDUAL \$25**

**Benefits:**

- Satisfaction that all of your Friends membership dues will stay at the local level.
- The award-winning, bi-monthly newsletter, the *Warbler*, to keep you informed on ASGD projects and activities.
- Invitations to Friends' only events.
- Friends discounts on ASGD field trips, classes and workshops for one person.

**FAMILY \$35**

**All the benefits listed above, plus:**

- Friends discounts on ASGD field trips, classes and workshops for an additional adult and the member's children or grandchildren under the age of 18.

**YES! I am a FRIEND of the Audubon Society of Greater Denver.**

Individual (\$25)  Family (\$35)  I have included an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(optional) (optional)

Enclosed is my check payable to **Audubon Society of Greater Denver**  
**9308 S. Wadsworth Boulevard**  
**Littleton, CO 80128**

Please charge my: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **Thank You!**

Please do not share my name with affiliated organizations or other groups.

**WINTER BIRDING BASICS...  
Food, Water, Shelter**



Help our feathered  
friends with our Specials  
for ASGD Members



**Come Explore Our Store**

**20% OFF**  
Any Feeder, Nest  
Box or Bird Bath

**FEBRUARY  
SEED SALE!**  
**20% OFF**

Anything  
Birds Eat  
**ALL MONTH**  
Just Mention This Ad  
Expires 02-28-06



**Open 7 Days A Week**  
**M-F 10-6 Sat 10-5 Sun 12-5**

**9956 West Remington Place**  
**(NE Corner of C-470 & Kipling)**  
**303-979 BIRD (2473)**  
**www.fronrangebirding.com**



**A nature center for you and your family!**