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Legislative Watch. With the recent change in philosophy and policy at the federal level, State actions now become more crucial. It really behooves us to watch what the Colorado General Assembly is cooking up!

Bills introduced in January didn't include any really awful legislation yet but there were many to keep an eye on:

- Bills to handicap the agencies that issue any kind of regulations – to protect air and water quality, prevent pollution, and preserve the public health and welfare, for example – have cropped up in the Senate, SB 1 and SB 2.
- Yet another attack on the State's conservation easement program, HB 1066.
- An attempt to make tampering with oil and gas collection – by lying down in front of an oil tanker truck or chaining oneself to a bulldozer – a felony rather than a misdemeanor. This would make a peaceful blockade a felony offense, SB 35.
- Creation of a 5-year on, 5-year off schedule for income tax checkoffs, including the nongame income tax checkoff, the first one of its kind in the country! SB 54.

We are waiting for water-related bills that will REQUIRE building dams or other means to divert water out of our streams for storage; an Audubon bill that will provide tax exemptions for purchases of native plants; and bills to ease the transfer of public lands to the State, which we will fight very hard. Public lands provide clean air, clean water, wildlife and opportunities for many kinds of recreation – and they belong to all of us. The State cannot afford to manage them and would probably end up selling the land – our heritage – to the highest bidder.

If you would like to receive the biweekly reports of the Audubon lobbyist, please call our office at 303-973-9530 and leave your name and your email address.

New wildlife roundtable brings together Colorado Parks & Wildlife leadership and non-consumptive user groups.

This is exciting! After over a year of work, I'm proud to introduce you to a new forum for communication between wildlife lovers like us and the agency responsible for their care: the Wildlife Nonconsumptive Users' Roundtable (WNR).

For the last year representatives of fifteen-plus organizations – birders, herpers, photographers, conservationists, rehabbers, and more – have been building a roundtable structure so that information can flow freely between Colorado Parks & Wildlife and non-consumptive user groups like ours. Nancy Stocker and Polly Reetz have had the honor of representing ASGD in this effort. This is from the recently adopted Roundtable charter:

“The Roundtable exists to build open communication and a working relationship between CPW and Colorado's non-consumptive wildlife users on issues pertaining to the state's wildlife populations and habitats, as well as non-consumptive use patterns. It is built on the assumption that open, frank, and respectful dialogue is the key to identifying common priorities, finding potential collaborations, cultivating productivity, revealing areas of conflict before lines are drawn in the sand, and ultimately protecting the state's natural heritage.”

Why is this exciting? CPW has a mandate to manage the state's natural resources, including wildlife. Often its focus falls on game species such as trout and elk, and a Sportsman's Roundtable with representatives from fishing and hunting groups has been in a close relationship with CPW for years. Exact numbers are hard to collect, but non-consumptive activities like birding are only growing in Colorado, and our voices deserve to be heard.

Conservation Report *(cont.)*

We're already having productive conversations. They're not easy, but everyone's good faith has set a positive tone. Here's an example. CPW is strapped for cash, as the number of hunters in the population has decreased over the years. Sportsmen buy licenses and tags, while non-consumptive users don't really pay into the system. Yes, there is a Habitat Stamp, but you now have to buy a license to purchase one. The Nongame Check-off on the state income tax currently competes with many other good causes. We have talked about finding another way of supporting CPW, which would give us more of a stake and therefore more of a say in issues affecting the state's wildlife.

Here are examples of issues that have already surfaced: predator removal studies, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo habitat management plans, state parks, and multi-use trails. None have been discussed in depth, as we've spent the year building a structure that will work. Now it's time to recruit more interest groups and begin sharing information in earnest.

How does this affect you as an Audubon member? ASGD has representatives on the roundtable to communicate what they have learned from CPW back to the membership. Conversely, your representatives can carry concerns from the membership straight to CPW's leadership. So if you become aware of an issue, simply work with the ASGD representatives to begin a dialogue through the roundtable. (These are Nancy Stocker and Polly Reetz, contact us through the ASGD office).

To us, a thriving open relationship between non-consumptive users and state managers is a major shift in how Colorado might treat its habitats and wildlife – not just as resources to be consumed, but as the foundation for many relationships between people and nature.

(adapted from original article by Chris Rurik, DFO Roundtable rep)

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Bees, Birds & A Bioblitz!

LOIS WEBSTER FUND ANNUAL PROGRAM

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 2

6:30-7 pm Dessert Reception

7-9 pm Program

**Kent Denver Country Day School
4000 E. Quincy Avenue, Englewood, CO**

Join old friends and make new ones at the Lois Webster Fund annual program to learn about the results of research and education projects which the LWF funded last year on Colorado non-game wildlife.

We'll start with a coffee, tea and dessert reception, and then you'll hear about the projects we funded in 2016:

-A bioblitz in Brown's Canyon National Monument;

-The Backyard Bee Watchers Citizen Scientist Project Launch in Crested Butte;

-Research on the distribution and breeding success of birds on the short grass prairie.

The Lois Webster Fund holds this annual event to introduce the Lois Webster Fund to communities who are not familiar with our activities and to say "Thank you" to all of our generous donors. This year we are being hosted by the Kent Denver Country Day School in their amazing dining hall with spectacular views. We look forward to seeing you on May 2. (If you have questions, please call Margot Wynkoop, 303-733-2868).

The Kent Denver Country Day School is located at 4000 E. Quincy Avenue, Englewood, and is easily accessed from University, Dahlia or Colorado Blvd. The entrance to the campus (two stone walls on either side of the drive) is about ¼ mile west of Dahlia and 1 mile east of University Blvd. Please see the provided map indicating the location of the dining hall and parking areas.



Conservation in Colorado Programs Create Dialogue and Discussion - A Talk with Denver Water

By Kate Hogan, Community Outreach Coordinator

Steve Snyder from the public affairs department of Denver Water reminded us all that “Whiskey’s for drinkin’ and water’s for fightin’ over” during the first “Conservation in Colorado” lecture at Breckenridge Brewery on Wednesday January 11th. Over 30 people filled the tasting room, sipping on cold Mango Mosaic beer, while Steve shared that 88% of the water consumption in our state is agricultural, while 8% is municipal (residential included), and 4% is industrial (fracking at 0.1%, other uses such as snow production). Denver Water is the third largest land owner in the state of Colorado, and water to the metro-area is supplied by the South Platte River (50%) and the Colorado River (50%). Customers have actually reduced their water usage by 20% in recent years, however the increase in demand of water due to population growth may soon deem that reduction as negligible – we have a lot of work ahead of us! Speakers also included the US Geological Survey who presented on National Water Quality Assessment Program, pesticide monitoring, and issues around coal tar sealants on parking



Independence Pass by Dick Vogel

lots, the Government Accountability Office for Natural Resources and the Environment who led a discussion on perceptions regarding energy use and studies on the impacts of energy choices on birds, as well as the Audubon Rockies Western Rivers Action Network and how to create healthy rivers for birds and people. We want to extend our gratitude to all the wonderful

presenters who shared their knowledge! Conversation was engaging, respectful, and challenging for many of us in attendance. Citizen action steps included attending the “Getting Green Laws” forum on February 25th to ask questions and raise concerns with local legislators, continued reduction in personal water use (removal of grass, planting native plants, fixing leaky toilets), encouraging others in our neighborhoods and communities to

also reduce their water use, and eliminating pesticides in our homes and gardens.

“ASGD’s exemplary work to connect people with nature is showcased by events like their Conservation in Colorado series. Members were able to connect with and learn from local industry experts on a range of topics. These included Colorado hydrology and water usage, pollutants in our environment, a look at energy sources, and how we can work to preserve our sensitive ecosystems.

The interactive classes offered a dialog relevant to the audience and presenters always communicated the complex arguments surrounding each topic. I came away from these classes with a better understanding of local ecosystems and industry impact, along with specific personal, community, and political action items. Amazing work as always ASGD!” ~ Paul Petzke, ASGD Volunteer

In 2016, I completed my third season of research on ground-nesting Passerines at the Central Plains Experimental Range (CPER), a research facility on the semi-arid shortgrass steppe in NE Colorado¹. Historically, along with intensive grazing by transient bison, occasional fire, and periodic drought, the climate there favored low-stature grasses². Environmental changes initiated by settlers and continued by modern farmers have decreased populations of grassland-dependent birds³. My research was to focus on McCown's Longspur (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*), a species that was once abundant but has become scarce⁴.

The CPER was purchased by the government for grazing research in 1937, after the Dust Bowl rendered much of the region unusable to ranchers¹. In 2014, scientists there initiated a project looking at whether it is possible to strike a balance between biodiversity and rancher profit by distributing livestock differently⁵. Since the Dust Bowl, many ranchers have employed uniform moderate grazing, which increases grazing sustainability but does not universally benefit grassland-dependent organisms^{2,6}.

Breeding birds have been of particular concern, because they have experienced significant population declines that have not been checked by altered grazing practices³. A loss of habitat heterogeneity has likely compounded declines, and CPER scientists are testing high-intensity rotational (“Adaptive”)



grazing as an alternative to uniform moderate grazing². Adaptive grazing is more similar to native bison grazing and should generate diverse habitat conditions, akin to those that Great Plains birds evolved under⁷.

I joined the MSc program at the University of Colorado Denver in 2013. I ended up working in two of the wettest years in recent history, which resulted in low numbers of McCown's Longspurs at the study site because they prefer arid conditions and the short vegetation those conditions generate⁴. Lark



Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*), a species following taller vegetation promoted by moist conditions⁸, was more abundant than anticipated. This altered my project, inspiring a community-oriented approach. I completed my Master's thesis in 2015, concluding that nest-site vegetation differs among ground-nesting species but weather may be more important to nest survival. I continue on as a PhD student. Support from the LWF allowed me to hire technicians and purchase equipment for point count surveys, and it paid for ten geolocator devices to determine whether birds come back to the same area every year despite changing habitat. In this way, I am now studying how adult bird distribution relates to habitat patterns, and how habitat patterns influence breeding efforts. Preliminary results suggest species are distributed differently across the site but may not nest despite establishing territories. I expect geolocator results next year.

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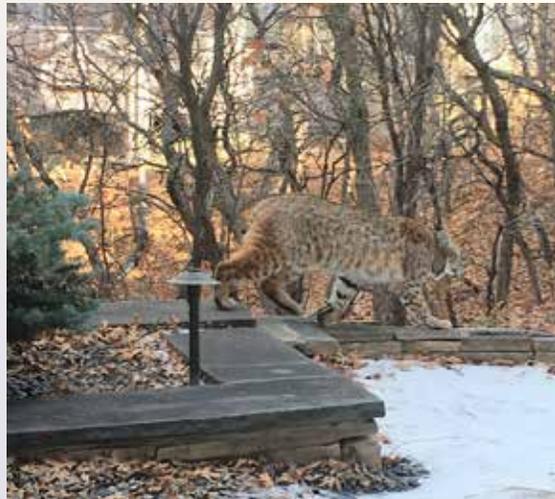
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“My boys were in our hot tub over the holidays,” wrote **Gina Gerken** from Castle Pines. “The tub is by an area that drops off with a retaining wall. The area below the wall is dense shrub oak. All of a sudden they heard loud noise and here comes a seemingly adult bobcat being chased by two deer!”

“The bobcat jumped up on our deck, right beside the hot tub, to get away from the deer. For a few seconds, our boys could have touched it! It looked at them with total alarm and zoomed away. Isn’t that cool (actually not for the bobcat). Adam snapped a photo as he was leaving. Now we have ammunition for when people start screaming that our bobcats are killing our deer!”

Even if not a bird, this bobcat certainly merits mention in Backyard Birds.



Bobcat by Adam Gerken

Christmas morning in **Kevin Corwin’s** “little townhouse yard” in Centennial brought “a juvenile Red-tailed Hawk. We have Red-taileds in the vicinity but this is the first time one has deigned to visit us. Interesting that the little dickey birds at the feeders were unfazed by her presence: they continued to feed and fly about while she sat on the fence less than 15 feet away. I suspect she may have been interested in the young squirrels who vacuum up everything beneath the feeders. Shortly after she left a Cooper’s Hawk swooped past the other side of the house and took someone home for Christmas dinner.”



Red-Tailed Hawk by Kevin Corwin

A month before that, Kevin reported that he

“heard a pair of GHOW’s (Great Horned Owls, banders’ abbreviation) duetting in the neighborhood of my little townhouse yard. Around 11 PM.”

Laurie Duke also emailed about GHOWs, on Dec. 11. “I am wondering if anyone has an explanation on how a Great Horned Owl hung itself in a tree? We discovered this owl yesterday at my in-laws place in Littleton. I am not sure how long it has been dead. The body and feathers were still in good shape. It seems that it got caught in the branches of a Siberian Elm tree. I don’t think there are any predators that would go after a Great Horned



Great-Horned Owl by Laurie Duke

On Dec. 7, **Kay Niyo**, from Lakewood, marveled at a flock of Rosy-Finches that first landed “in a tree across the street, and then, some landed on my feeder tray right outside my dining room window! (N side of N Table Mt). I was sitting 4 feet away and didn’t dare move to get camera.

Shovelers (snow, not birds) scared them away. Just now prior to dusk, they were on my patio snarfing up black oil. All Gray-crowned with one Hepburn’s. Never had them here before except one with a broken leg a few years ago.”



Great-Horned Owl by Lynn Willcockson

Owl and do this. I am thinking it must have been a freak accident.

“Sorry for the morbid picture, but am curious if any of you have any thoughts.”

Lynn Willcockson had one in south Denver, and his photo shows a healthy owl.

Backyard Birds *(cont.)*

From the Tech Center, Lynn Duman, on Dec. 4, reported “dozens of Cedar Waxwings this week eating berries from hawthorn trees there. I’d only seen them in Minocqua, Wisconsin, before this week. They were still there as of this afternoon.”

From Arvada, Jan Eckhardt called on Nov. 19 to report activity in her backyard. “A Cooper’s Hawk caught somebody and had a nice snack.”

Jan also had Bushtits in her Arvada yard – and that leads up to the Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count. Except for Canada Goose and House Finch, backyarders reported more Bushtits than any other species. Six yards found a total of 64 – an impressive number for a species which didn’t occur in Denver 30 years ago. Only two field parties found them, and they found only 42.

The 12 Urban Count backyard feeders recorded 534 birds of 31 species, plus overhead flights of 142 Canada Geese. Second (or first in, rather than above, the yards) came House Finches, 84 seen, a few in all 12 yards. Next came, in order, Bushtits, 57 Dark-eyed Juncos (we had that many in our Franktown yard during the last snowstorm), 43 House Sparrows, 42 robins, 39 Black-capped Chickadees, 28 crows, 26 Rock Pigeons, 25 flickers, and 25 starlings. Five yards reported Red-breasted Nuthatches, three had Spotted Towhees, and two had a Cooper’s Hawk. Overall, the Urban count recorded 43,168 birds of 86 species. The 26,841 Canada and Cackling Geese comprised 62% of all the birds. After geese, the count’s most common birds differed from those of the feeders. The rest of the top ten: starling, Rock Pigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, robin, Red-winged Blackbird, Ring-billed Gull, and crow. The next ones: Common Merganser, House Finch, magpie, Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, Gadwall, and, surprisingly, Cedar Waxwing (220), Northern Flicker, Common Goldeneye and Hooded Merganser. We counted only 165 House Sparrows – showing a surprising decline over the years.

Of the count’s 95 Bald Eagles, 61 came from the roost count at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The count recorded no Rough-legged Hawks, and missed Redhead for the first time in the 29 counts. The day after the count, Bill Wuerthele reported, “A first-winter White-throated Sparrow showed up in the yard today.”

After the Urban Count we devoured a chili pot luck dinner at Casey Davenport’s home. Casey makes the chili, the rest of us produced salads, sides, and desserts. For 10 or 20 years, Casey has hosted the count compilation – after



White-Throated Sparrow by Bill Wuerthele

covering her section of the count, on the South Platte River. Thirty of us talked with each other about our counts, special things that we saw, and the good food and beverages.

Then we did a count-off of species seen. The recital starts with birds seen on all counts (49, except since we missed Redhead, it’s now 48); then those seen of 20-28 counts (we saw 23 of 26), etc. Of those seen on 5 or less counts, we had five: Greater Scaup, Mew Gull, Say’s Phoebe, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Lesser Goldfinch. The total came in at 84, but the three sections for which we didn’t have representatives at the compilation added five more species.

This year we divided Aurora into three sections, and Patrick O’Driscoll enthusiastically described the northern section that his group covered.

Clark and Martha Strickland on Jan. 5 sent a picture of “this oddity feeding with other House Finches at our feeders” – a leucistic House Finch. Probably not an albino because it does not have pink eyes. Backyarders see leucistic birds of several common species off and on – one wonders how they survive because of their aberrant plumage – and probable disadvantages (more conspicuous, likely rejection by their peers, e.g.).



Leucistic House Finch by Clark & Martha Strickland

Your contributions write this column. Thanks to you in urban and suburban Denver who sent in all these intriguing reports. Send a note or post card to P.O. Box 584, Franktown 80116, or Email me: ouzels8@aol.com.

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The Audubon Society of Greater Denver offers an opportunity for you to make a gift or bequest to leave a legacy and a lasting impact. The goal of planned giving is to help you plan your estate and charitable giving in a way that benefits you, your family and ASGD. We invite friends who share a commitment to educating all ages about birds, other wildlife, and habitats to consider making a personal investment in the future of our programs. There are several ways you can make these planned gifts to charity and enjoy tax and income benefits:

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Please Let Us Know

We often receive bequests from people whom we have never had the opportunity to thank. If you include Audubon Society of Greater Denver in your estate plans, please let us know. We value the opportunity to express our gratitude in person to let you know that your gift is greatly appreciated now and for future generations of people and birds to come. Those people who have notified us of their intention to make a bequest to the Audubon Society of Greater Denver are invited to our Legacy Circle. Legacy Circle special events and activities highlighting the work we accomplish together will keep you connected to the “legacy” that you have planned for us.

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Photo by Dick Vogel

QUICK GLANCE - UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

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MAR 4	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING	APR 15	SAT	NESTING GREAT HORNED OWLS
MAR 4	SAT	BELMAR PARK	APR 15	SAT	ADULT WORKSHOPS - BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING
MAR 5	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS	APR 16	SUN	SHARP-TAILED GROUSE LEK AND PRAIRIE BIRDING
MAR 11	SAT	BIRD WALK AT QUINCY RESERVOIR	APR 20	THU	BEGINNING BIRD WATCHING CLASSROOM SESSION
MAR 11	SAT	ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK	APR 29	SAT	EAGLE WATCH, WILDCAT RIDGE
MAR 15	WED	ASTRONOMY AT THE AUDUBON CENTER	APR 29	SAT	EXPLORE CHATFIELD STATE PARK
MAR 18	SAT	EXPLORING THE ECOLOGY OF CHERRY CREEK	APR 29	SAT	BIRD CALLS, SONGS, AND OTHER NOISES
MAR 18	SAT	ADULT WORKSHOP, WOODPECKERS OF THE FRONT RANGE	APR 29	SAT	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
MAR 22	WED	HABITATS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS - NATURE JOURNALING	APR 30	SUN	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
MAR 25	SAT	FAMILY BIRDING - BEGINNING WATER FOWL	MAY 7	SUN	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
MAR 25	SAT	ADULT WORKSHOP, BLUEBIRDS OF COLORADO	MAY 13	SAT	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
MAR 25	SAT	EXPLORE CHATFIELD STATE PARK	MAY 14	SUN	MOTHER'S DAY BIRD BANDING BREAKFAST
MAR 25	SAT	TURKEY COUNT HAYRIDE, HIGHLANDS RANCH	MAY 20	SAT	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
APR 1	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING	MAY 21	SUN	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
APR 2	SUN	NESTING RAPTORS OF THE FRONT RANGE	MAY 27	SAT	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
APR 2	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS	MAY 28	SUN	BIRD BANDING STATION - <i>Registration Required</i>
APR 8	SAT	HENTZEL PARK			
APR 8	SAT	WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT			
APR 13	THU	ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK			

Sandhill Crane Capital of the World - Kearney, Nebraska March 25-27, 2017

Each spring, more than 80 percent of the world's population of sandhill cranes converges in Central Nebraska. Over 500,000 sandhill cranes migrate through the Platte River Valley in order to fuel up before heading further north to their breeding grounds. Along with them come millions of migrating ducks and geese in the neighboring Rainwater Basin—covering the vast expanse of open sky with millions of flapping wings and a chorus of calls.

Detailed itinerary and more information at:

<http://reefstorockies.com/destinations/north-america-2/united-states/sandhill-crane-capital-of-the-world/>

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice - NEW, LOWER PRICE! May 27 - June 5, 2017

Often referred to as the “Land of Fire and Ice”, Iceland's landscape is characterized by waterfalls, geysers, glaciers, volcanoes, beaches, thermal hot springs, and otherworldly steaming lava fields. In addition to stunning landscapes, Iceland is a birder's paradise. Its remote location at the junction of two oceans allows for a unique mix of migratory and vagrant species.

Detailed itinerary and more information at:

<http://reefstorockies.com/destinations/iceland/iceland-land-fire-ice/>



Alaska: Birding and Wildlife in Grand Alaska June 7 to 14, 2017, with Nome Extension June 14 to 17

This is an exceptional value trip with 8 days of birding from Alaska's Kenai Peninsula to Denali National Park. The trip is designed for birders who want to experience Alaska and find many of the key specialty species, without adding extra travel to more remote birding destinations. The trip does include an optional extension to Nome, for those bird-watchers seeking to expand their Alaska birding adventure.

Detailed Itinerary and More Information at: <http://www.pibird.com/Alaska.html>

Alaska Trifecta – Kodiak, Denali, and Resurrection Bay June 17-26, 2017

Premier brown bear viewing, feeding grounds for humpback whales and orcas, North America's tallest mountain, alpine glaciers, vast landscapes, the Alaska Railroad, and a private island in Resurrection Bay set the stage for this special trip to Alaska.

Detailed itinerary and more information at:

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