



## 9TH ANNUAL SHARE THE VIEW

### INTERNATIONAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Enter October 15 through  
December 1, 2019

**UNLIMITED ENTRIES!**

**\$10/Entry or 6 for \$50**

TEN CASH PRIZES WILL BE  
AWARDED:

- 👉 One Grand Prize of \$1,000
- 🐾 Four first place prizes of \$250
- 👂 Five second place prizes of \$100

#### WEBSITE TO REGISTER:

Register and submit your entries at:  
[denveraudubon.contestvenue.com/](http://denveraudubon.contestvenue.com/)

- 3 Fall Celebration
- 7 Backyard Birds
- 9 Tanager Bonanza

#### GET IN THE FIELD AND SHOOT YOUR BEST PHOTOS - NOW!

Attention all photographers: The 2019 Share the View Contest begins October 15. Don't wait until the last minute. Act now to capture some award-winning shots. Keep your eye on the prize!

#### WE'RE EDUCATING KIDS

Proceeds from Share the View support Denver Audubon's ongoing education efforts in Denver Metro area schools. We serve over 2,500 students annually and are working to expand our programs even further to reach more children. We appreciate the help and support of all our members in promoting the contest and this worthy effort.



Photo By Kirsten Hines



Photo By Andi Poland

#### COLORADO PHOTOGRAPHER'S GALA

There will be additional recognition for Colorado photographers, including an evening event at CU South Denver (formerly called The Wildlife Experience) in February 2020. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to one image featured in Colorado Life Magazine.

### **HELP US REACH OUR GOAL**

Our goal this year is to have over 2,000 entries. Our judges will balance emphasis on creativity and originality with technical skill.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

Entries will be accepted from October 15 through December 1, 2019. Judging will take place in early December 2019. If you register prior to December 1, 2019, you can continue to enter photos through December 5, 2019.

### **WE WANT YOU!**

We have many expert photographers in our group who are often tapped to make presentations around the state showcasing pictures from their travels. We hope our member photographers will respond to our call and enter the Share the View Competition.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Please help us spread the word by emailing friends, family and colleagues, posting on Facebook and Twitter, and by making announcements at meetings or gatherings of photographers and birders. Here's the link to the contest website:

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

Share it far and wide. We really appreciate your support!

### **FIRED UP AND READY TO GO!**

Thanks to all of you for your support of last year's competition. We are determined to make the 2019 contest another huge success. Please join us by entering your photos or by promoting the competition as often and in as many places as you can!



Previous STV First Prize Winner - William Horton



## ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION

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It's time for our annual Fall Celebration, an exciting evening with Denver Audubon members, supporters, and friends! Learn about our accomplishments and future plans as we prepare to enter our next half century. Geoff LeBaron, the Christmas Bird Count Director at the National Audubon Society, will speak about the rich history of the Christmas Bird Count and how it has enabled incredibly useful access to community science datasets worldwide.

### *ABOUT GEOFF LEBARON:*

*Geoff has been the Christmas Bird Count Director for the National Audubon Society since 1987. Geoff also works on other Community Science projects including Climate Watch, Hummingbirds at Home, and the Great Backyard Bird Count, as well as ornithological and birding advisor on projects from the Conservation Science team.*



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***Tuesday, November 5, 6:30-9:30 pm***  
***Lakewood Cultural Center***  
***470 S. Allison Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80226***



## Do You Know Your State Legislators?



For the past 30 years Denver Audubon has held an annual winter meeting to discuss environmental bills pending in the Colorado General Assembly (i.e. the Legislature). We've convened panels of experts on a given issue, invited and chatted with legislators, and enjoyed the highlight of the meeting, a report from Audubon's lobbyist. Sometimes as many as 5 legislators have attended, sometimes only 1. During the January-to-May legislative session these are very busy folks, and getting them out to a meeting like ours is difficult. Another problem is that legislators friendly to our causes are more likely to show up, but those antagonistic to our aims rarely if ever do. We always seem to be talking to the good guys, not the ones who need persuading.

In discussions this spring, Audubon lobbyist Jennifer Boulton suggested that NOW, in the fall before the Legislature convenes again, is the time to talk to your legislators. Generally, they have more time to visit with you at this point. If you don't know who your State Representative and Senator are, you can readily find out by going to [www.leg.colorado.gov](http://www.leg.colorado.gov) and clicking on "Find My Legislator" in the upper right-hand corner. Their email and other contact information is right there on the General Assembly's website. It's easy!

Following Jen's advice, and that of many of the legislators we've talked with, contact your legislators and make a date to have coffee (or ice cream, if you prefer) with them some morning or afternoon. Talk to them about your concern for birds and their habitats, about the dangers of habitat fragmentation, about the need to keep our rivers and streams healthy rather than always building more dams and diversions, about the problems of pesticide use. The idea is to **ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR NOW, before the session starts.** Then, when some crucial bill is up for consideration during the next legislative session, they will already know you and be receptive to your calls.



Denver Audubon and Audubon Rockies have held a "Day at the Capitol" in past years, but it's hard to find and talk to legislators even at the Capitol – they may be in committee meetings or on the House or Senate floor. So meet with them now, when you and they have the time, and get to know them.

## Populations versus Individuals - Canada Geese in Parks

In early July the [Denver Post](#) and many media outlets ran stories about the roundup and subsequent killing of Canada geese in four of Denver's parks. Denver Audubon received many calls about this; it was as much a surprise to us as to everyone else. People begged us to "Stop it!" which unfortunately was impossible since the roundup had already occurred. The geese were captured during their molt by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Wildlife Services – which also kills coyotes, bears, bobcats, mountain lions, and other species deemed to be predators or pests all over the country – in coordination with Denver Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. All legal.



No one in Audubon likes to see our native birds rounded up and killed. But admittedly humans created the conditions which made City Park, Washington Park and others a paradise for geese: extensive bluegrass lawns, ponds, free food from visitors, no predators. Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) estimates that the resident population was about 5,000, plus various numbers of visiting geese during the migration season. Abundant goose feces on park lawns, sidewalks and in water features posed health and safety problems to both people and wildlife. The ecosystem was out of balance.

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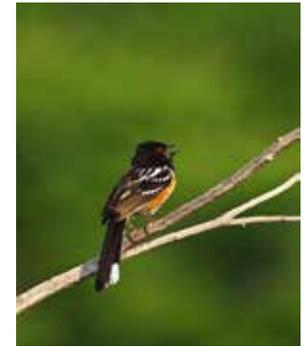
Neighbors of the parks complained bitterly when geese camped on their lawns, roofs and gardens. DPR has tried hazing the geese, but unfortunately geese imprint on the areas where they learn to fly and return there after hazing unless harassed at a level that DPR cannot afford to maintain. Covering goose eggs with corn oil reduces reproduction, and DPR oiled over 3,000 eggs in 2018, up from 166 in 2008. The roundup and dispatching of the geese this summer – 1,662 birds in 4 parks – was one of several management strategies DPR considered and represents only a short-term solution. Meanwhile DPR staff received death threats which were deplorable, unethical and reprehensible. Denver is, by the way, a signatory to the national Urban Bird Treaty and is committed to conserve and manage our native bird populations, which include many species other than Canada geese.

The question: what's a long-term method of keeping goose populations in the parks at a level that balances their needs with other wildlife and people and sustains park ecosystems? Denver Parks' Goose Management Plan discusses landscape alteration: planting different species and eliminating large areas of bluegrass. But Denver residents like their big lawns and have expressed little enthusiasm for this in the past. In the long term, though, different mowing regimes and limiting bluegrass to the minimum necessary for sports fields and picnic areas would be one way to reduce goose use of some parks. Planting native species of shrubs and flowers in some areas would help pollinators AND help solve the goose problem. These are the kinds of measures Audubon members can suggest to their City Councilperson and to DPR.

*The population of Canada geese will not decline as a result of DPR's actions; the birds will quickly recover their numbers. While no one likes killing geese, it's the population that is the critical unit, and the Canada goose population is quite robust. At this point, constructive solutions to this problem are needed; pass them on to your Councilperson. Also read the Goose Management Program, City and County of Denver, June 2019 at [https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/747/documents/Natural\\_Areas/wildlife/DPR-Goose-Management-Program.pdf](https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/747/documents/Natural_Areas/wildlife/DPR-Goose-Management-Program.pdf).*

### **Denver Audubon/Front Range Birding Seed Sale Partnership: A portion of all seed sales will be donated to Denver Audubon**

Denver Audubon and The Front Range Birding Company have partnered to make backyard bird feeding easy and affordable. You will be supporting Denver Audubon as a portion of all seed sales – all year – will be donated to Denver Audubon. Be sure to take advantage of Front Range Birding's "Seed Vault Program." You can buy as much as you like up front and pick up fresh seed anytime. Seed Vault purchases never expire! There's no need to pre-order. Just stop by the Front Range Birding Company store and let them know you are there for Denver Audubon. Front Range Birding Company: 10146 W San Juan Way #110, Littleton, CO 80127 303-979-Bird (2473)



Spotted Towhee by Dick Vogel

### **WOODPECKER WOES AND OTHER WILDLIFE ISSUES?**

<http://www.denveraudubon.org/about/wildlife-issues/>



HERE IS THE WEBSITE FOR FOLKS TO REPORT FOX SIGHTINGS AS PART OF A RESEARCH PROJECT:

[www.ifoundafox.org](http://www.ifoundafox.org)



THIS LINK WILL CONNECT YOU TO THE NATIONAL AUDUBON WEBSITE AND OTHER HELPFUL LINKS TO HELP YOU DEAL WITH COMMON QUESTIONS!



*Events*

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 & THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19**  
 10:00AM – 11:00AM - Little Hoot Owls Story Time  
*In partnership with Radnorrough Library*

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20**  
 6:30PM – 8:30PM - Nocturnal Wildlife Hike:  
 Owls of Chatfield



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21**  
**HOOTenanny: Owl & Music Festival**  
 10:00AM – 2:00PM

- Live Owl demo
- Owl Scavenger Hunt
- Owl Pellet dissections
- Meet Woody Owl, US Forest Service character
- Live music from local Denver band

*Nearly There!*

For additional event details and to register for events, visit [www.denveraudubon.org](http://www.denveraudubon.org)

We thank our Community Partners



**WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

Douglas County Libraries 

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies 



Photo bonanza. While monitoring boxes in Castle Pines, **Cassandra Hines** took a spectacular photograph of a pair of Western Bluebirds– the male holding a caterpillar in his beak. Later she shot a picture of a Mountain Bluebird carrying food to a begging baby in a box.



Western Bluebirds by Cassandra Hines

**Rex** (Lakewood) photographed a Swainson’s Thrush “hanging around our backyard bushes” for two days, May 24-25. Late migrants, these thrushes can appear in numbers in our yards. **Jared Del Rosso** (Centennial) reported a Swainson’s Thrushes and an Orchard Oriole.

And on June 2 Rex reported: “After today’s hail and rain, two Mourning Doves spent quite a bit of time freshening their makeup.”

Denver Audubon hosts a monthly “Walk the Wetlands” hike from its Nature Center; in July they watched a nest with two baby hummingbirds; **(RIGHT) Chris Scott’s** photos show both mom & the kids.

Hummingbird feeders attracted hummingbirds, some to yards that don’t ordinarily see them. **Leslie Hankerson** (Elizabeth) remarked, “The hummers (& I) appreciate the heated feeder I purchased last year. They were avoiding it when I first put it out in April, not anymore.”

**Bob Santangelo** says hummers occur in his yard “only occasionally, but my wife reported hearing them flying around, so we put out a feeder



Swainson's Thrush by Rex Nelson



Mountain Bluebird by Cassandra Hines

for them and wow, got a group coming in (all Broad-tails it seems, but at least one might have been a Black-chinned). I’ve spent a lot of time behind the window watching the feeders and I’ve had to buy additional storage for my phone because I’m taking a lot of pictures!”

July marks the arrival of Rufous Hummingbirds. **Karen Metz** reported the first July 6, a male at her feeder (“even before my Monarda opened — that’s when I typically see my first of the season); the next

morning a female showed up “and took long, long, long drinks. I was surprised. Friends in Jasper say the weather in Alberta has been wintry with many nest failures, so maybe more birds are heading south early. At high elevations (e.g. Hermit Thrush habitat), 30 inches of snow fell on June 23-24 and lesser amounts in the valleys.”

Leslie Hankerson (Elizabeth) saw a male Rufous July 9, and on July 11 **Terry Todd** (Deer Creek Canyon) and **Greg Pasquariello** (Sterling Ranch) saw their first ones. Greg commented, “This always makes me think, ‘Winter is on the way.’ Sigh.”



Broad-tailed Hummingbird by Chris Scott



Mourning Dove by Rex Nelson

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**Patti Locke** (Englewood) reported, “We actually had a few hummingbirds at a feeder hanging in the front yard on a blue spruce. We used to put out a hummingbird feeder, but never had any birds. This year a couple of other people in the neighborhood have hummingbird feeders, so we are getting a few to stick around the neighborhood.”

**Deb Carstensen** (Littleton) reports success with “my Tree Swallow and chickadee houses. I put up a second Tree Swallow house about 50 yards away and it was in use within two days. Tree Swallows feed their young with great timing and efficiency. The meal gatherer will chirp and, within a fraction of a second, just before he flies in, the second bird flies out of the house with a slightly different chirp. The feeding becomes much more frenzied as time goes on and the relay is amazing to watch!”

A new breeder has showed up in south metro suburban neighborhoods. **Meredith McBurney** “did a NestWatch visit June 11 at **Kate Frost’s** home in Centennial. We caught 3 Chipping Sparrows - 2 females with brood patches. I’ve read the entry in the Breeding Bird Atlas, and it appears they have been expanding their range but without any indication that they were becoming backyard birds. Is it possible that with the late snows and cold weather in their more normal habitat that they stayed in neighborhoods and just found a good shrub or tree and bred?”

**Carol Blackard** (also Centennial) “now has a pair of breeding Chipping Sparrows. Last summer I kept hearing a Chipping Sparrow sing all through June. This year our first Chipping Sparrow arrived to our ash tree singing exuberantly and unceasingly, while other ChSp spent their two-



Chipping Sparrow by Dick Vogel

weeks break here eating on the giant dandelion patch across the street. Eventually the expected migratory exodus occurred, except for the singing bird who seemed to settle in down the street. Today (July 8) I watched an adult ChSp feeding a juvenile in plain view on the ground 12 feet away. So, Chipping Sparrows join Bushtits and Mountain Chickadees as more recent breeders in our urban neighborhood.”



Pygmy Nuthatch by Michelle Robbins

**Kate Hogan** reported “friends in Silver Cliff this winter, they had this little bird (a Pygmy Nuthatch) go into their tube feeder and then eat so many seeds, that it couldn’t get back out, so they had to open the feeder to release . . . have you ever heard or seen such a thing?”

**Urling** responded, “Wow! Amazing. We have a Pygmy Nuthatch family of 5 young gorging on our peanut butter suet. I have never seen a bird caught in a feeder like that.”

*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.*

# TANAGER BONANZA

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A May 21 snowstorm dumped 6 inches of snow in Denver, up to a foot south and west of there, and produced a pageant of birds – notably Western Tanagers (yellow and black with orange heads, females all yellow with pale wing bars). The bonanza stretched from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs. It actually started before the Denver snowstorm; perhaps the deep mountain snows bottled up the birds on the plains.



Bullock's Oriole by  
Elizabeth Hankerson

For 3 weeks in May, our small network of Denver Audubon reporters and eBirders – 71 so far – reported a sum total of 372 Western Tanagers, but that only hints at the spectacle. To the south, one yard (Bea Weaver, Roxborough) counted a peak of 40, with 30 her usual count. She put out peanut suet, orange halves, bananas, and grape jelly. By May 25 they had dropped, “down to about a dozen. So they ate their fill and moved on. Thank goodness, as I was refilling everything 3-4 times a day!”

Nearby, Jill Holden peaked at 26 (her first one appeared May 8). “Never dreamed that I could get so many here. I was able to get a good count when a squirrel got in the way of their feeding frenzy and they were all standing around looking at it.”

Celia Greenman says, “We spend much time watching the hierarchy at the suet feeders: flicker gets priority, then downies (male and female), then male tanagers, then females.”

Norm Lewis commented, “The tanagers are interesting because the males can be told apart by the amount of red on the head, presumably a function of age. We had a range of bold, fully red head to one with just a wash of red on what otherwise looked like a female.” Bob Santangelo counted 12 tanagers one day. He photographed numerous males, trying for the one with the most orange on its head. His favorite “shows red all over the chest, belly, and top of the rump patch! Wow.”

Rhonda Shank received multiple calls in the Audubon office about tanagers and other birds, including one woman who in 42 years had never had an oriole and another who said they love her home-made suet.

In addition, several yards hosted 2-10 Bullock's Orioles. They aimed for orange halves and hummingbird feeders. Hankerson (Elizabeth) remarked, “I put out some clementines near my grape jelly feeder just before the storm. The orioles had not been eating from the feeder until the storm & clementine was added. They have been non-stop since. All of my orioles seem to have a very small neck patch, much smaller than any of my bird books show.”

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Western Tanager male  
by Bob Santangelo

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**WESTERN  
372  
TANAGERS**

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Western Tanager female  
by Lesley Brown



Scarlet Tanager by  
Monica Brisse

The tanagers pursued two main foods: suet cakes and orange halves. At our house, Urling bought a bag of oranges especially for the tanagers and orioles. Lesley Brown (Highlands Ranch) puts out a jelly feeder for visiting orioles, and the tanagers aimed for that.

Several other species joined the tanagers and orioles in the exhibition. Lazuli Buntings sparkled – their amazing blue-colored heads beamed as they fed. We had, at one point 12 males and females. A number of yards attracted Black-headed Grosbeaks.

From Centennial (Wyoming), Alan Peryam said, “We’ve discovered that Gray Catbirds like oranges and grape jelly well enough to come out of hiding several times a day (along with the Tanagers—who moved on finally—and Bullock’s Orioles.”

Monica Brisse (Castle Rock) and Tom Halverstadt (Louviers) each sent pictures of Scarlet Tanagers which they both saw May 26-27. (Tom showed his to a walking group on the 27th.) Ruth in Arvada reported a Summer Tanager along with half a dozen Westerns. Denise Reznicek (Centennial) saw a Rose-breasted Grosbeak on May 15, and we hosted one from May 22-24.

At the Audubon office, tanagers and orioles used the feeders, but a big surprise: Rhonda Shank emailed on May 23, We have seen FLOCKS of Lark Buntings on the road to the office daily this month. I’ve traveled this road for more than 17 years and have never seen one Lark Bunting -- let alone flocks! Mixed in with the flocks have been Chipping Sparrows, White-crowned Sparrows, Cliff Swallows, and 4 bluebirds last Friday. The flock flies back & forth across the road and lines up on the fence for pictures. “In Centennial, Denise Reznicek saw a Lark Bunting in her yard, May 21.

At Sandstone Ranch, a new Douglas County Open Space near Perry Park, Dan Stringer reported flocks of Lark Buntings and over 200 Yellow-rumped Warblers. Chris Blakeslee saw 25 Lark Buntings along the South Platte near Deckers (in the foothills – an odd place for them).



Blue Grosbeak by  
Ruth Bolz



Scarlet Tanager by Ruth Bolz



Colorado State Bird - Lark Bunting

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# Leave a Legacy

## *Educate Generations - Protect Birds and Habitats into the Future Include Denver Audubon in Your Will, and Other Gift Planning Options*

Denver Audubon 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 Denver Audubon. 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:

- **Specific, Residuary and Contingent Bequests**
- **Retirement Accounts and Pension Plans**
- **Insurance**
- **Securities**
- **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)**
- **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)**

Please consult with your financial planner and attorney to assure you receive the best financial advantages and that your intentions are carried out fully.

We would be glad to discuss any planned giving option with you – in confidence and without obligation. For more information, please call 303-973-9530 or e-mail Karl Brummert, Executive Director, at [kbrummert@denveraudubon.org](mailto:kbrummert@denveraudubon.org)

## *Please Let Us Know*

We often receive bequests from people whom we have never had the opportunity to thank. If you include Denver Audubon 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 Denver Audubon 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.

## **Legal Designation: If you wish to name Denver Audubon in your will or estate plan, we should be legally designated as:**

*“Denver Audubon, a nonprofit organization (Tax ID #23-7063701), with its principal business headquarters address of 9308 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128.”*

**Date of Incorporation: September 30, 1969**



Photo by Dick Vogel

## QUICK GLANCE - UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS & PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

SEP 1	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS	SEP 17	TUE	HOOTENANNY LITTLE HOOT OWLS STORY TIME
SEP 3	TUE	CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SPEAKER EVENT	SEP 19	THU	HOOTENANNY LITTLE HOOT OWLS STORY TIME
SEP 6	FRI	DENVER AUDUBON BIKE AND BIRD	SEP 20	FRI	HOOTENANNY NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE HIKE: OWLS OF CHATFIELD
SEP 7	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING	SEP 21	SAT	HOOTENANNY: OWL AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
SEP 7	SAT	WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT/PROSPECT PARK	SEP 22	SUN	FRANKTOWN AREA AND THE KINGERY FEEDERS
SEP 12	THU	ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK	SEP 28	SAT	CHATFIELD STATE PARK
SEP 13	FRI	SURVEY SANDSTONE RANCH	SEP 29	SUN	EXPLORE EVERGREEN - ELK, BIRDS & BEER
SEP 14	SAT	BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING AT HIGHLANDS GARDEN CENTER	OCT 5	SAT	FRONT RANGE BIRDING

### **37th Annual Fall Bird Count - visit [dfobirds.org/](http://dfobirds.org/)**

SEP 13	FRI	CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK
SEP 14	SAT	BARR LAKE STATE PARK
SEP 14	SAT	AUDUBON NATURE CENTER & ROXBOROUGH ROAD
SEP 14	SAT	CHATFIELD STATE PARK
SEP 15	SUN	LOWER BEAR CREEK
SEP 15	SUN	ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
SEP 15	SUN	CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK
SEP 15	SUN	BARR LAKE PERIPHERY

OCT 5	SAT	WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT/PROSPECT PARK
OCT 6	SUN	WALK THE WETLANDS
OCT 10	THU	ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK
OCT 12	SAT	PARKFIELD LAKE PARK
OCT 13	SUN	THE BIG SIT! CHATFIELD STATE PARK
OCT 26	SAT	CHATFIELD STATE PARK

**FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THESE FIELD TRIPS, VISIT [WWW.DENVERAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/](http://WWW.DENVERAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS/) OR CALL 303-973-9530**

## QUICK GLANCE - DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - CONT.

### **Belize: Rainforest to Reef November 9-16, 2019**

Nestled between Mexico and Guatemala on the Caribbean coast of Central America, Belize is one of the few remaining unspoiled places on earth. From colorful coral reefs to tropical rainforest to gorgeous beaches to the mysteries of the ancient Maya, you can truly experience it all in Belize. The only English-speaking country in Central America, Belize offers a unique combination of rewarding travel experiences that make it unlike any other destination in the world. Hosted by Kate Hogan, Community Outreach Coordinator

*\$2795/person based on double occupancy. Single supplement: \$775*

Register: <https://reefstorockies.com/destinations/central-america/belize/belize-rainforest-to-reef-2019/>

### **Hawaii Essential Birding: Oahu and Big Island Birding: January 27-February 2, 2020**

Every bird-watcher and nature lover will love birding in Hawaii. Birding here also supports continued efforts to support bird conservation for many endangered species.

Many Hawaiian visitors never get to some of the natural jewels of Hawaii. Beyond the beautiful beaches, there is fantastic beauty in the islands forested areas. And many natural areas hide Hawaii's endemic bird wonders. The Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge will be one of the top birding experiences of this trip. In one day, you will likely see ten Hawaiian endemic bird species, including six species of honeycreepers, including Hawaiian Creeper (Alawi), Apapane, I'iwi, Hawaii Amakihi, Akepa, and Akiapolaau. Plus, you will see several



other Hawaiian endemic bird species, including Hawaiian Hawk, Hawaiian Goose, Hawaiian Thrush, Omao, and the Hawaii Elepaio. Other stops will include many of the beautiful birds of the island. Hawaii offers every birder and naturalist something on this visit. Learn more, including detailed itinerary and list of birds: <https://www.pibird.com/denver-audubon-hawaii>

*\$2,790 per Person with 8 participants for 7 Days and 6 Nights. Trip cost includes guide and driver, all access fees, breakfast, 7 nights of lodging, airport transfers and more. The trip does not include any flights. Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [Charles@PIBird.com](mailto:Charles@PIBird.com)*

### **Cuba Essential Birding and Conservation Education: February 1-8, 2020**

Our Cuban tour provides you with a great opportunity to see more than twenty of the possible Cuban endemic birds, in addition to a good number of Caribbean endemic species. Cuban endemics include Gundlach's Hawk, Bee Hummingbird (smallest hummingbird in the world), Cuban Trogon, Cuban Tody, Cuban Parakeet, Zapata Wren and more. This is a legal Cuba tour, where you are collecting ornithological data to support the education of the Cuban people about their natural resources. You will be birding, and travelling for humanitarian purposes. You will also get to experience the local Cuban culture and have an opportunity to explore Havana and other interesting locations. Our friendly Cuban bird guide will be happy to discuss and give a local perspective on Cuban life, as well as share his extensive knowledge of the local birds and wildlife. Learn more, including the detailed itinerary and birds: <https://www.pibird.com/cuba-essential-asgd>



*\$3,290 per Person with 8 participants for 8 Days and 7 Nights. Trip cost includes guide and driver, all access fees, your meals, 7 nights of lodging, airport transfers and more.*

Register by contacting Charles Thornton-Kolbe, 720-320-1974, email [Charles@PIBird.com](mailto:Charles@PIBird.com)

**South Africa: Birding and Wildlife Safari: Kruger National Park and More**

**October/November 2020**

The provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga on South Africa's eastern seaboard boast some of the country's finest birding and exceptional mammal viewing. An impressive 500 plus species of birds occur in the region, reflecting the wonderful natural diversity of the area.



Four-colored Bushshrike by Keith Valentine

South Africa's modern infrastructure (lodges and good roads) supports productive birding and travel throughout the region.

This trip covers the classic African savanna of the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Kruger is famous as the best spot for a South African Safari, and this tour should find well over 300 bird species and 40 plus mammal species. This tour of eastern South Africa offers the very best of African bird watching and wildlife viewing. Tours to Kruger National Park often get all of the big 5 mammals, including Southern White Rhinoceros, African Bush Elephant, African Buffalo, African Lion and African Leopard.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY!**  
*at these upcoming events*



**September 21**  
*~ HOOtenanny Owl & Music Festival*

**November 5**  
*~Annual Fall Gathering*

**December**  
*~Denver Audubon Christmas Bird Count*

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