



Sacajawea Audubon News

SACAJAWEA AUDUBON BUILDS ON AN INTEREST IN BIRDS TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ENJOYMENT, EDUCATION AND ACTION.

October 2011

Calendar at a Glance

- Oct 6th, 8th, 9th Annual Raptor Festival
- Oct 9th Bird Sightings to John Parker
- Oct 10th SAS October Meeting
- Oct 22nd SAS Ennis Lake Field Trip

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Peregrine Falcons in Montana

Monday September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
 Hope Lutheran Church
 2152 W. Graf Street (off of South 19th) in Bozeman

Jay Sumner, Executive Director of the Montana Peregrine Institute, will speak about Peregrine Falcons in Montana, at the Sacajawea Audubon Society's monthly meeting in October. The Montana Peregrine Institute studies peregrine and other cliff-nesting raptors in Montana, bordering states, and nesting cliffs in the Sonoran Desert of Mexico. Not a single nesting peregrine could be found in Montana in 1980. Reintroduction of the species to the state began in 1981. From 1999 through 2010, naturalists have found 121 active peregrine territories. The continuing science behind this recovery is the subject of Sumner's presentation.

Working through the Montana Peregrine Institute and with various organizations, Jay Sumner has been surveying the peregrine population in the state since 1999. He is currently coordinating Montana Peregrine-Watch to determine the percent occupancy of the 121 territories in the state. Based in Arlee, Sumner directs the Montana Peregrine Institute; the website is www.montanaperegrine.org/.

The Sacajawea Audubon Society meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the Hope Lutheran Church, 2152 W. Graf Street (off of South 19th), Bozeman. Audubon invites the public to attend its meetings and participate in its field trips, listed on the chapter's website at www.sacajaweaaudubon.org/.

President's Comments: Communication

The Lapland longspur is a social bird. This longspur has been seen in flocks numbering in the millions. These birds breed on northern tundra. They winter in fields throughout Montana and much of the United States. By the way, "longspur" refers to the elongated claw of the hind toe.

One foggy night in January 1998 between 5,000 and 10,000 Lapland longspurs and other songbirds died at three collocated communication towers in Kansas.

That event brought attention to the problem of communication towers, which is a problem especially for the 350 night-migrating species of birds. Lights on the towers disorient birds and lure the birds into collision with the towers.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that communication towers kill between four million and fifty million birds a year in this country, and that estimate was a decade ago when the country had only 100,000 towers. U.S. Fish and Wildlife prepared tower guidelines to protect migrating birds, but industry compliance is voluntary. It takes organizations, like Montana Audubon and Sacajawea Audubon, and its takes local people, like you and me, to protect Important Bird Areas and migratory routes.

Thank you for communicating your concern for birds through membership in Audubon.

Anne Millbrooke

President
 Sacajawea Audubon Society

Then and Now at the National Audubon

THEN...

National Audubon Society chartered the young Sacajawea Audubon Society on June 1, 1968, On that old charter is "A Statement of Audubon Philosophy":

We believe in the wisdom of nature's design.

We know that soil, water, plants, and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life.

We believe that persistent research into the intricate patterns of outdoor life will help to assure wise use of earth's abundance.

We condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost.

We believe that every generation should be able to experience spiritual and physical refreshment in places where primitive nature is undisturbed.

So we will be vigilant to protect wilderness areas, refuges, and parks, and to encourage good use of nature's storehouse of resources.

We dedicate ourselves to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of young and old that all may come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world, and to share in conserving its wonders forever.

NOW..

Rather than a statement of philosophy, National Audubon now states "Audubon Core Values":

- **Action** – A hallmark of our conservation work is decisive, innovative and effective action based on thoughtful and thorough planning for the sustainability of our planet and all its inhabitants.
- **Collaboration** – Because collective and collaborative relationships and teamwork are critical to our success, we forge strong and lasting partnerships to achieve our goals.
- **Commitment** – We are driven to achieve our mission by a shared love and respect for birds and other wildlife and nature itself; by the knowledge that healthy, sustainable ecosystems are essential to health and quality of life of all peoples; and by our faith in the power of action guided by sound science.
- **Diversity** – We strive to mirror the diversity of nature and of our modern world. Just as diversity strengthens natural systems, the diversity of human experiences, traditions and viewpoints can strengthen our conservation efforts for the benefit of nature and of all peoples.
- **Integrity** – We strive to create and are committed to a culture of openness and trust. We hold ourselves accountable to achieve tangible and measureable results, reflecting the highest ethical and financial standards.
- **Optimism** – We are solution oriented. We seek to advance answers rather than questions, and to achieve solutions through consensus instead of conflict; provided that all lead to a healthier, more sustainable world. We have the commitment and the knowledge to succeed—and we are confident that we will.
- **Respect** – We value the roles and opinions of our volunteers, chapters, donors, co-workers, and those with whom we disagree; we reflect this respect through effective dialogue, transparency, and collaboration.

...AND...





Inspired by a chance meeting in Tennessee during the 1970s with A Walk Across America author, Peter Jenkins, Brad Storey made a decision that one day he would put on a backpack and set out on a journey of his own.

Nearly thirty-five years later and recently retired, Brad told his family he was going to use his new-found time to walk across America with his dog, Xena. As a family, they agreed that walking for a cause would make his journey even more meaningful. Given Brad's love for birdwatching, he immediately contacted the National Audubon Society and offered to help raise money for Audubon's Important Bird Areas (IBAs) Program.

As a devoted birdwatcher, Brad has spent a lifetime inspiring friends and family to learn about birds and the threats they face due to habitat loss from climate change and development. So, starting this September, in Brunswick, GA, Brad and Xena take his message about protecting critical bird habitat across America--mile by mile, flyway by flyway.

From Brunswick, GA they will head west to Montgomery, Alabama and continue west along the Gulf Coast before heading to California. They will be stopping at Audubon Centers and Important Bird Areas along the way. Be sure to follow their progress on Brad's Facebook Fanpage: Bird Man Walking to see where they'll be walking, or visit his blog: <http://birdmanwalking.wordpress.com/>

Brad and Xena are inviting Chapter Members to JOIN them for any part of the walk and enjoy the birds along the way. The family has invited anyone who wants to meet up with Brad during his journey to contact his daughter, Lucy, at lstorey@southuniversity.edu or 412-377-9367.

If you can't walk with Brad and Xena, but would like to support their effort to protect the most important places in America for birds, please consider making a donation to Audubon's Important Bird Area's Program at the following Audubon site: <http://audubonaction.org/bradstorey>.

Announcing the 2011 Raptor Festival

Dear Sacajawea Audubon Society,

Please come join us for the 2011 Raptor Festival. Sacajawea Audubon will be having a booth at this year's Raptor Festival in Bridger Bowl again, this year October 8th and 9th.

This year, Raptor Festival promises to be a great event again. The key note speaker on October 6th is a author Gary Ferguson speaking on "The Promise of the Wild" at the Museum of the Rockies, 6 PM. Please come to all the events. If you would like to volunteer to help with taking care of our booth please contact Peter Norlander at 222-4646 or norlander@q.com. Also see the Bridger Raptor Festival website at <http://www.bridgerraptorfest.org/>. Thanks for coming to the 2011 Raptor Festival.

October Field Trip Ennis Lake Waterfowl

Saturday, October 22nd

Meet at 7:45 am at the Museum of the Rockies

Carpool and depart at 8:00 am

This should be near the peak time for migrating waterfowl and loons. Ennis Lake is one of the premiere staging areas for migrating waterfowl in southwestern Montana. Thousands of ducks can be spread across the lake on any given day. As is typical with high concentrations of birds, there is always the possibility of a rarity being found. Bring a lunch as we'll be out until at least mid-afternoon. Also, remember to bring plenty of warm clothes as it will likely be cold and windy. If the weather is too extreme, we will reschedule for the following Saturday, October 29. For more information call John Parker at 586-5863.



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