



Sacajawea Audubon News

Sacajawea Audubon builds on an interest in birds to promote the conservation of our natural environment through enjoyment, education, and action

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As a result of coronavirus (COVID 19), and following CDC and Montana State directives to limit the spread of this disease, Sacajawea Audubon Society (SAS) is cancelling all activities through the end of May. This includes all programs, field trips, bird walks, classes and meetings. Committee and board meetings are being held electronically or by conference call. The SAS Board of Directors will continue to assess the situation over the next few weeks to decide if we need to cancel our remaining June activities as well. Please keep checking the SAS website for the most current chapter news. The health of our members and the community as a whole is our top priority and none of our activities are more important than that. Thank you for your understanding. We urge our members to get outside and go birding, while observing social distancing and shelter-in-place protocols.

The American Birding Association has updated their "ABA Code of Birding Ethics" to include birding during the pandemic and we strongly encourage our members to follow these guidelines:

1. Some types of birding and birding locales are specifically to be avoided now, particularly any situation or location that would encourage or require people to violate physical distancing guidelines or travel away from one's local area. These should be scrupulously avoided.
2. Birding is a GREAT thing to do right now, whether you're a lifelong birder or someone who has just started noticing birds out your window. Keeping a connection with birds and nature is a valuable way to improve mood, lower stress, and gain perspective on our current troubles. As such, birding should be strongly supported and encouraged.

We have also created a new page on the SAS website with lots of great resources for birding on your own: <https://sacajaweaaudubon.org/go-birding>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we get through this difficult time together.

Lou Ann Harris

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CANCELLED SPRING 2020 EVENTS

- May 1–3: Sage Grouse Lek Tour**
- May 9th: World Migratory Bird Day festival**
- May 11th: Annual Potluck & Membership Meeting**
- May 22–25: Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Tour**

GUIDELINES ON BIRDING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

The basic principles of “quarantine” birding are already well covered in the **ABA Code of Birding Ethics**:

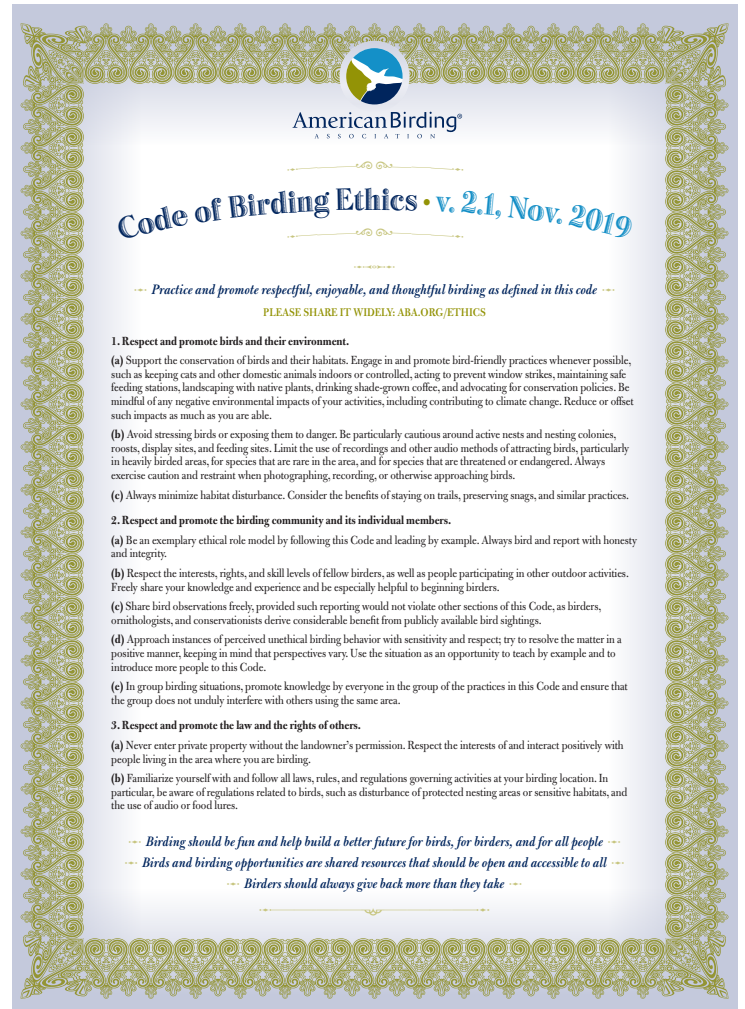
3. Respect and promote the law and the rights of others.

and

3(b) <in part> Familiarize yourself with and follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing activities at your birding location.

Even so, there are gray areas and places where reasonable, caring birders will differ. Here are a few thoughts to help guide your birding as we all get through these challenging, rapidly changing times together:

1. **Birding is a GREAT thing to do right now**, whether you're a lifelong birder or someone who has just started noticing birds out your window. Keeping a connection with birds and nature is a valuable way to improve mood, lower stress, and gain perspective on our current troubles. As such, birding should be strongly supported and encouraged.
2. **Some types of birding and birding locales are specifically to be avoided now**, particularly any situation or location that would encourage or require people to violate physical distancing guidelines or travel away from one's local area. These should be scrupulously avoided.
3. **There is no “one size fits all” prescription for how to accomplish this**. People are in many different types of living situations, from high-density urban dwellings to very lightly populated, rural landscapes. Exactly what is appropriate will vary significantly from place to place.
4. Please remember that every time you hike into the wilds or get on the road to drive to go birding, you have the potential to require emergency services. This could put pressure on an already strained group of emergency personnel at this challenging time. As such, **work to stay as close to home as possible**.



5. **People's judgement of what is safe will vary**. There is little to be gained from birders attacking each other on social media and elsewhere about perceived lapses in physical distancing. However, thoughtful discussion, promotion, and modeling of one's own “quarantine” birding practices are welcome and appropriate.

In short, bird as much as you are able, close to home, and without exposing yourself or anyone else to risk. We look forward to seeing you in person in the field once these difficult times have passed!

~ The American Birding Association
Recording Standards and Ethics Committee





BIRD NOTES



Ovenbird photo by John Parker

It was in June of 2016, and as is often the case I had the bathroom window open. From inside the house suddenly I heard the unmistakable song of an **Ovenbird**, “teach-er, teach-er, teach-er.” Each phrase seemingly getting louder and more emphatic. I waited for a second song to make sure I wasn’t hearing things. The bird sang again, and again! I grabbed my binoculars and rushed outside, eyes darting left and right as I looked for any movement in the trees in my backyard. Where was it? Then, finally, I got a quick diagnostic look. Yes! After a few more songs, the Ovenbird flew away. Truly a special bird moment in my yard.

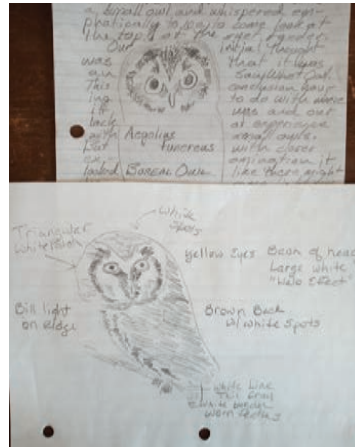
- Lou Ann Harris



Crowly the Crow wins the award for best backyard bird at the Wolcott residence. Crowly first arrived in May of 2017 and has revisited our yard every May since. When he arrives, he

stands on the patio or perches on a chair awaiting his favorite handout – Meow Mix, dry cat food. He often moves to the edge of the patio when I open the door and offer the treats but he never flies off. He then carries the tidbits to the water feature where he soaks them well before swallowing. Sometimes however, he plants them in the grass. I’m sure Meow Mix will soon erupt from the lawn in full bloom. We are eagerly awaiting the return of Crowly the Crow to our patio in 2020.

- Robin and Richard Wolcott



Late one winter afternoon, Tamie looked up from her sewing into the backyard and saw an odd shape. She realized it was a small owl, she then whispered emphatically for me to come look. Our initial thought was that it was a Northern Saw Whet Owl. This conclusion having to do with location (south Bozeman) and lack of experience with small owls.

With incredible close-up views from 20 feet we could clearly see the facial pattern and the pale bill. It was a **Boreal Owl!** We got to see the owl dive, capture and eat a vole. Later it perched above the pond, and went after another vole, doing a flutter hover, but missing that time. Then off it flew into the darkening woods.

- Tamie and John Parker



When in late October gold trees turn distempered and brown and November makes us feel all hope is gone, when tough shrikes arrive and rough-leggeds hunt county roads, my favorite yard bird shows up right on time from the white north country: the lively and quite pretty **Tree Sparrow**, who in little bands flashes in and out of the delicate grasses, and willows, and, best of all, my yard feeders chock full of chips and seeds and even peanuts. All winter long they cheer the late cold mornings, the short dark dusks, and in snow storms appear to be as pleased as ever. They are as companionable a presence in our storied winters as I can imagine. And a visual and musical treat! An artsy russet cap, a classy eyeline, a clear breast with a handsome “stickpin,” and white tail feathers, light up the snow. Their song in winter is as subdued as the weather, a string of light jingling notes like a tiny glass wind chime that reminds me of the angelic summer song of the Sprague’s Pipet. As the days lengthen, tree sparrows really tune up, become songsters with extended repertoires, and finally desert our yards for springtime up north, leaving us thankful and knowing that winter’s finally done!

- Mike Becker





Restoration Update

Sacajawea Audubon Society and its design contractor, Confluence Consulting, Inc., are interfacing with federal, state, and local regulatory agencies regarding the restoration design. Check out bozemanwetlands.org for current information and updates. Sacajawea Audubon Society plans to make a presentation to our members on the status of restoration design at the September 2020 Membership Meeting. Should the September Membership Meeting be further delayed, the presentation regarding the status of restoration of the IAWP property will be given at the next meeting.

Site Activities Update

During Spring 2019 Sacajawea Audubon Society conducted weekly guided birding trips to the property. Due to the COVID-19 virus situation Sacajawea Audubon Society has cancelled all group activities until further notice. However, we plan to begin conducting group field trips as soon as we get the all-clear from the State of Montana. In the meantime, individual members are welcome to visit the property, as

long as they do not organize group trips and they maintain appropriate distancing from others at the site. Remember to obey proper etiquette for nesting birds who are particularly vulnerable right now. Please stay on the trail, keep dogs at home, and keep a good distance from nest sites.

Sewer Construction Update

The City of Bozeman and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital will be constructing a new sanitary sewer line from the hospital down to Front Avenue. According to the original design, the new sewer line was to bisect the Indreland Audubon Wetland Preserve property. After working with the City to maintain the integrity of the wetland, the sewer route is now designed to skirt the edge of the property to minimize impact. The City does not yet have a precise schedule for the sewer construction, but it is expected that the construction will occur on the wetland property during mid to late summer, 2020. Sacajawea Audubon Society representatives will be field monitoring the sewer construction each day, and will provide updates on the sewer line installation at membership meetings.



Indreland Audubon Wetland Preserve photo by Paulette Eppler.

2020 Sacajawea Audubon Birdathon!



Is SAS holding a Birdathon this year?

YES, but with a few changes to address the current pandemic and social distancing protocols. Birdathon is our chapter's biggest fundraiser of the year and we rely on these funds to pay all our operating expenses.

What is a Birdathon?

A Birdathon is similar to a walk-a-thon, but instead of collecting pledges per mile walked, you spend a great spring day outdoors, scanning skies, trees, shrubs, fields and water—even your backyard feeder—for birds. The challenge is to identify as many bird species as possible within a 24 hour period from May 17–June 21. You collect pledges per bird species and the money raised benefits Southwestern Montana birds and other wildlife.

As we go to press, the final details of our Birdathon are not yet in place. Please check back to our website for updates at <https://sacajaweaudubon.org> or call **Lou Ann Harris** at **(406) 600-3585** to find out how to get involved or to donate.

Sacajawea Audubon has pledged to donate a portion of our Birdathon fundraising to the Southwestern Montana COVID 19 Response Fund to help those impacted by the pandemic.

We will have a few new categories this year:

- **Best Neighborhood Walk**
- **Best Yard List**
- **Best County List**
- **Most Species By Ear**
- **Carbon Neutral**
- **Big Sit (1/2 and full day)**
- **Most Species (1/2 & full day)**
- **Best Bird**

New Rules:

- **Team of one person is allowed**
- **A reduced registration fee: \$25 per team**
- **Limit Your Miles: Stay within a 50 mile radius of your home**
- **No carpooling unless its with someone who lives with you**

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED BUT MAY BE CANCELLED OR RE-SCHEDULED AS THE COVID-19 SITUATION EVOLVES AND CDC RECOMMENDATIONS CHANGE.



Participants in all trips will meet at the front parking lot of the Museum of the Rockies at 6:45 AM and depart at 7:00 AM **unless otherwise noted**. Car pools will be arranged at the museum; an offer to help with gas to the person driving is always appreciated but not mandatory. Dress for the weather; good footwear is a must as field trip conditions are not always dry. Bring any food or beverages that you will need during the course of the trips, and some of the longer trips might require that you pack a lunch. Please turn off your cell phones and keep unnecessary conversations to a minimum. Some field trips are limited to a certain number of participants. **Contact the trip leader for more details about any trip, and to sign up for the trip.** We encourage all skill levels of birders to participate. Come have a good time and learn something new.

**June 13, Saturday:
Limestone Creek Canyon**

Leader: Martha Collins, 406-579-0506, marthacoll@msn.com

(1/2 day trip walking on a small trail, with some rough and steep terrain for 4 miles)

Limestone Creek is the least disturbed drainage in the Gallatin foothills south of

Bozeman. This lightly used area is a refuge for a wide variety of wildlife that requires deep forests for cover, including some old growth spruce-fir. Some of the birds to expect on this trip include Cassin's Vireo, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Swainson's Thrush, and MacGillivray's Warbler. *10 person limit.*

**June 14, Sunday: Glen Lake Park
(East Gallatin Recreation Area)**

Leader: Adele Pittendrigh, 406-599-5086, adele.pittendrigh@gmail.com

(4-5 hour trip; easy walking, at most 2 miles)

There are many possibilities at this local birding hotspot. Over 180 bird species have been seen in the recreation area. With a pond, riparian habitat, limited grassland, and mature cottonwoods we hope to see good diversity of what Gallatin Valley has to offer during peak breeding season. Species may include flycatchers, Warbling Vireo, Gray Catbird, several warblers, Lazuli Bunting, and Black Headed Grosbeak. *12 person limit.*

June 20, Saturday: Mission Creek

Leader: Robin Wolcott, 406-581-5418, pajaros@wewolcotts.com *(email preferred)*

(Until mid-late afternoon; mostly driving with light walking on roads)

In the rolling prairie just east of Livingston we will seek McCown's Longspur and Long-billed Curlew. Along Little Mission Creek we will watch for riparian species, then search for residents of the spruce/fir forest. On our return along Mission Creek we could find a Cordilleran Flycatcher or a Golden Eagle. Over 130 species have been seen along this route including Sprague's Pipit, Upland Sandpiper, and Green-tailed Towhee. Spectacular views, abundant wild flowers, and wildlife make the trip through the northern foothills of the Absaroka Mountains a trip to remember. After leaving Bozeman, we will reconvene at Albertson's parking lot in Livingston at 7:30 AM and then leave from there at 7:45 AM Car-pooling is essential. *14 person limit.*

June 27, Saturday: Sixteen Mile Creek

Leader: Tom Forwood, 406-570-6432, tjifishing75@gmail.com *(email preferred)*

Come see one of Gallatin County's hidden birding gems. Tucked away at the north end of the county is Sixteen Mile Creek. This remote drainage offers serene beauty and some fantastic bird life. Large numbers of Veerys, Lazuli Buntings, Spotted Towhees and even some Yellow-breasted Chats make the



creek bottom their home. The trip will travel up to the Middle Fork Canyon where many Cordilleran Flycatchers call home and other mountain habitat species reside as well. The return trip usually figures extensive Common Nighthawk activity. This trip requires a bit of dirt road driving, though they are generally in good shape by this time. We will meet at the NE corner of the Belgrade Albertson's parking lot at 4:00 PM and will be returning after dark, so plan to pack a to go meal or have an early dinner. Round-trip time will likely be 5+ hours. *15 person limit.*

June 28, Sunday: Rocky Mountain Road Bluebird Trail

Leaders: Janne Hayward, 406-587-6124, jannehayward@gmail.com, and Lou Ann Harris, 406-600-3585, montlou311@gmail.com

(1/2 day)

Get up close and personal with Mountain Bluebirds. Join bluebirders Janne Hayward and Lou Ann Harris, as they check bluebird nest boxes and band adults and nestlings along Rocky Mountain Road. This is a rare opportunity to get an inside look at the

lives of these amazing birds, including nest building, egg laying and raising young. The participants on this trip will meet at 8:30 AM, at the north end of the Target parking lot. *Due to the sensitive nature of the work, we are limiting these field trips to 8 participants.*

July 1, Wednesday: Yellowstone National Park

Leader: John Parker, 406-586-5863, birdsightings@sacajaweaudubon.org

Full day trip—12 hours

This trip will cover several locations in the Mammoth area. On our way to Mammoth we will spend some time birding in the Gardiner Basin, looking for some of the birds that frequent this arid zone outside of Gardiner. The remainder of the morning and early afternoon we will be hiking the 5 mile Beaver Ponds Trail. The Beaver Ponds Trail features a wide variety of birdlife as it passes through open forests, sagelands, and skirts several small ponds. Mid to late afternoon, we will cover other locations on the northern range that are close to Mammoth. Meet at the Museum of the Rockies at 6:30 AM. *7 person limit.*



Beaver Ponds Trail, Yellowstone National Park. NPS/Dave Krueger.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Fishing Line Collection at Fishing Access Sites

We are looking for fisher-people, bird watchers, bat lovers or anyone else looking for an excuse to get outdoors to help us empty fishing line tubes at fishing access sites around the region.

Sacajawea Audubon volunteers have placed PVC tubes at a number of fishing access sites for fishermen to dispose of monofilament line. These collection sites help keep tangled line out of our treasured shorelines and out of bird's nests.

Currently, we have tubes placed at Harrison Reservoir FAS, Axtell Bridge FAS, Cameron Bridge FAS, Ennis Lake–Clute's Landing FAS, Ennis Lake–Kobayashi Beach FAS, and Ennis Lake–Meadow Lake FAS. One more will be installed this spring at Dailey Lake FAS.

We are looking for volunteers to spend a few minutes emptying a tube and separating the line from any trash dropped in. This task can easily be done while enjoying any outdoor activity at one of these sites. I will coordinate a pick-up or meeting to collect the line in Bozeman. The line will be collected through the season and sent to a fishing line manufacturer who will recycle the old line into new products.

If you would like to help with this project copy and paste the following link into your browser: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aUJfeL_8F2oTMV7ED86zo8bHnWVPND97tLA5nuho5u8/prefill

Fill out the short survey with the approximate date(s) that work for you, and the project coordinator (Doug) will contact you to finalize the details. Feel free to email Doug McSpadden at dougmc17@gmail.com with questions.



HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS...

Spring 2020 Online Birding Classes with Ashley Martens

We can't all be together, but we can keep learning and deepening our connections to birds and nature!

CAVITY NESTERS

Together we'll explore the ecology of birds in our region who either excavate their own cavities (like woodpeckers and nuthatches) or nest in existing cavities (like bluebirds, chickadees, and some owls). We'll also hone in on how to identify woodpeckers by calls, drums, and more.

Live virtual classes: Thurs, April 30th & Tues, May 5th, 5:30–7:00 pm; field work in between classes on your own

GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD BIRDING CLASS

Join us for a playful exploration of birds, bird nesting habits, bird sounds, and fascinating fun facts. Watch the live classes with your grandchild (ideally age 6-10) and then go out on a scavenger hunt in local birding hotspots in the Bozeman area!

Live virtual classes: Thurs, May 7th & Tues, May 12th, 5:30–7:00 pm; field play in between classes on your own

BIRD LANGUAGE

Birds are the true messengers of the forests. They can tell us if there's a fox hiding in the brush, a person about to run down the trail, or a sharp-shinned hawk or owl about to fly through. Come learn the ancient art of bird language. We'll learn the 5 voices of the bird and some alarm patterns in class and you'll get detailed instructions to practice and learn in the field. Awareness of bird language also inevitably leads to a deeper awareness of self.

Live virtual classes: Thurs, May 21st & Tues, May 26th, 5:30–7:00 pm; field work in between on your own

CLASS FORMAT:

1st meeting: Live virtual meeting (via **GoToMeeting**) with elaborate presentation by Ashley about the specific topic, explanation of homework for the week, and time for Q&A.

Several days in the field on your own to observe, note, and practice skills learned in 1st meeting and complete field and homework assignments.

2nd meeting: Live virtual meeting (via **GoToMeeting**) to share stories from the previous week and ask questions.



EXPECTATIONS:

- Reside in Gallatin, Park, or Madison Counties, MT
- A reliable internet connection
- An interest in learning about and from the natural world
- A basic understanding of birds and bird families (these classes are not for raw beginners)
- A pair of binoculars and a bird book with drawings (not photos) and a journal (or are willing to purchase)
- Ability to:
 - ✓ walk short distances to look for birds and bird signs
 - ✓ sit outside for 20 minutes at least once per week
 - ✓ attend live GoTo meetings and complete homework
 - ✓ minimize travel distance from home whenever possible

COST:

Sliding scale: \$20-40 per class, depending on financial need

To Register: Email Ashley at ashmartens@yahoo.com or call **208-883-4998**.



Plants for Birds:

Native Plants, Insects and Birds

By Paulette Epple, Conservation Chair

Did you know that 96% of terrestrial bird species in North America, most of our songbirds, rely almost entirely on feeding insects to their young? When a pair of chickadees is raising its family of tiny nestlings to fledgling age in only 12-16 days, insects are on the menu. One can hardly believe it, but patient researchers have discovered that a pair of Carolina chickadees will bring 350 to 570 caterpillars to the nest each day. A pair of Downy Woodpeckers was observed making over 4,000 trips with insects, larva and pupae to feed their nestlings before they fledged. So it is very apparent: if we are going to support bird life in our yards and communities, we have to support insect populations too.

This is where native plants come in. Insects have co-evolved with the native plants of an area, and it is the native plants that insects are drawn to. Many plants offered for sale at nurseries are exotic ornamentals from other countries. Often, they are chosen because they are pest-free, having leaves that are unpalatable to native insects. To quote a National Audubon website: "Planting insect-proof exotic plants is like serving up plastic food. No insects? No birds."



Our love affair with mowed lawns doesn't help either. Much to my husband's chagrin(!), lawns are non-native monocultures, impoverished ecosystems with limited insects. Yet in total lawns cover an area of our country the size of Texas! A recent NASA study found that lawns are the largest irrigated crop by area in the nation. If we are to provide the insects for a family of songbirds to raise their young, let's put more emphasis on native plantings and less emphasis on mowed lawns!

I should note here that there are some non-native species of plants we use in our landscapes that are actually very beneficial to the birds, including crab apple trees and cotoneaster. So we don't

need to fixate exclusively on natives and their benefits. But let's add natives to our landscapes wherever practical and feasible to do so.

The last ten issues of our newsletter have carried plant profiles highlighting some of the superstar plants for birds, including many native species. These articles are now available for reference on our website at this link: <https://sacajaweaudubon.org/project/landscaping-for-birds>. Or look on our home page for the "Landscaping for Birds" tab.

Recommended reading: [Bringing Nature Home](#) and [Nature's Best Hope](#), both by Douglas W. Tallamy.

2020 Wings Across the Big Sky Bird Festival **CANCELLED**

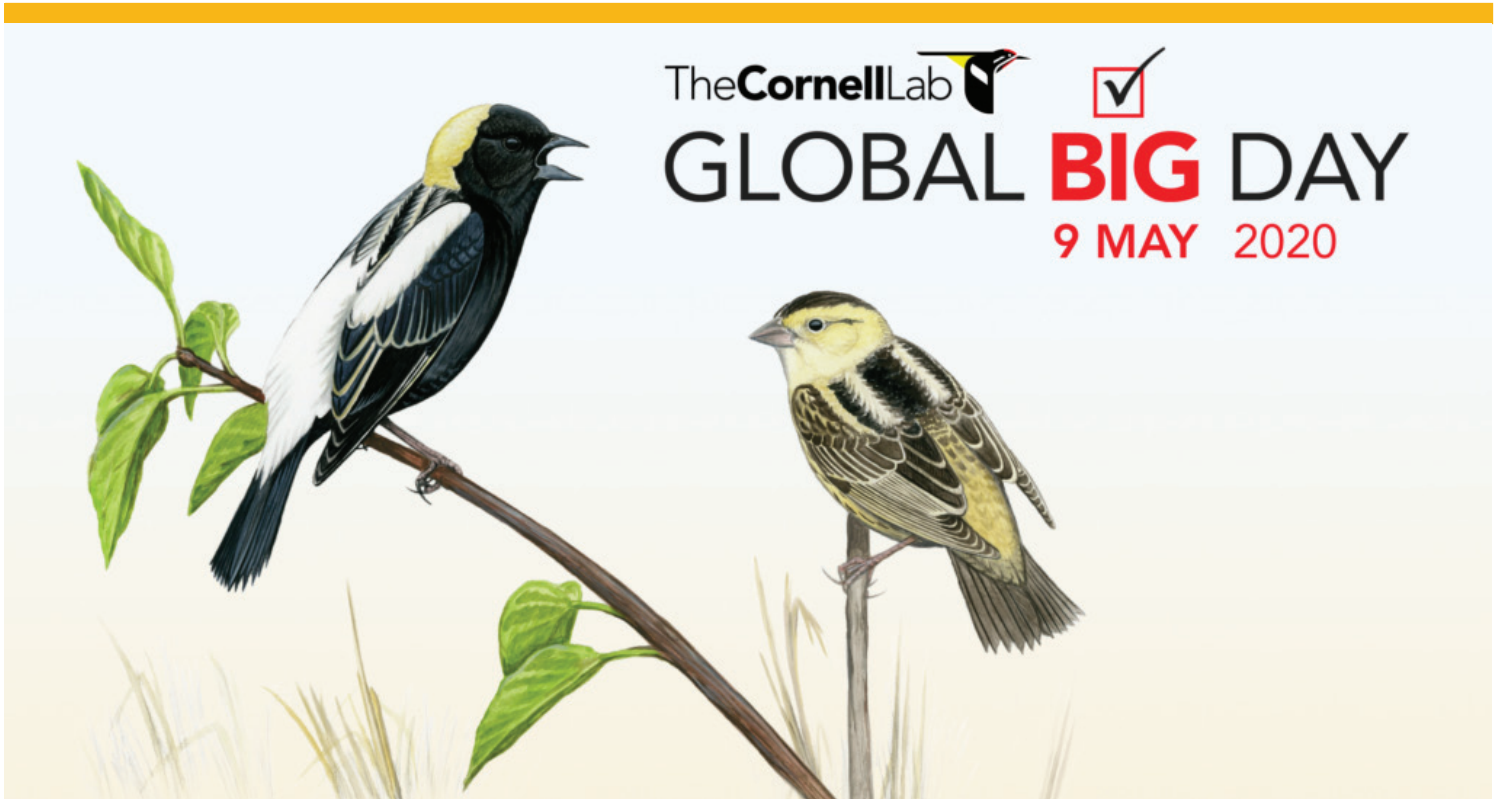
Due to COVID-19 concerns, Montana Audubon has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's **Wings Across the Big Sky Bird Festival** in Lewistown. Though we are saddened by this development, the safety and health of our supporters, volunteers, and staff is of utmost importance during these unprecedented times.

We are, however, leaning forward and looking toward the future. **We have booked this unique event for June 4th-6th of 2021** to be headquartered at The Yogo Inn in the City of Lewistown. Please **mark your calendars** and stay tuned for more information as it becomes available in the next year.

If you would like to **make a tax-deductible contribution** to Montana Audubon during this difficult pandemic, which will empower us to continue our conservation mission, please visit our website at mtaudubon.org/support.

Take care and thank you!





Birding's biggest day is back! **Global Big Day** is an annual celebration of the birds around you, and this year is no different. While not everyone may be able to leave home to bird this year, Global Big Day is still an opportunity to check in with the birds in and around where you live.

Wherever you are, you can be a part of the global community of birders on **May 9th**. Please put safety first and follow all local safety guidelines and closures. You can enjoy birds from inside your home and still be part of **Global Big Day**.

If you can spare at least 5 or 10 minutes, report your observations to eBird online or with our free eBird Mobile app. If you have more time, submit checklists of birds throughout the day at different times. Can you find more birds in the morning, or the evening? Your observations help us better understand global bird populations.

This year, **Global Big Day** will focus on the number of checklists we can collect as a global team. Last year, 35,209 eBirders from 174 countries collected an astounding 92,284 checklists [in a single day](#). **Help us make 2020 the year that we surpass 100,000 checklists of birds in one day!**

How to participate

Get an eBird account: eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by millions of birders. It's what allows us to compile everyone's sightings into a single massive **Global Big Day** list—while at the same time collecting the data to help scientists better understand birds. [Sign up here](#). It's 100% free from start to finish.

Watch birds on 9 May: It's that simple. You don't need to be a bird expert or go out all day long, even 10

minutes in your backyard counts. **Global Big Day** runs from midnight to midnight in your local time zone. You can report what you find from anywhere in the world.

Enter what you see and hear in eBird: You can enter your sightings [via our website](#) or download the [free eBird Mobile app](#). You can enter and submit lists while out birding, and the app tracks how far you've walked so you can focus on enjoying the birds. Try out the Cornell Lab's [Merlin Bird ID app](#) for help with identification. Please enter sightings before 13 May to be included in our initial results announcement.

Watch the sightings roll in: During the day, follow along with sightings from more than 170 countries in real-time on our [Global Big Day page](#).

Global Big Day Pro Tips

- With the spread of COVID-19, please follow recommendations from local health officials and avoid unnecessary travel.
- Use [Merlin Bird ID](#) for help with tricky species.
- Take photos and add them to your checklist—they might end up on the [Global Big Day page!](#)
- Submit complete checklists, keep counts of the birds that you see, and keep multiple checklists throughout the day.
- Share what you're seeing on social media with #globalbigday!

Last year's **Global Big Day** set a new record. On May 9th, we hope you'll be a part of birding's next world record. And no matter what you do, have fun, enjoy the birds you find, stay safe, and share your sightings on eBird. Because in our world, every bird counts.



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HAVE YOU SEEN A DANGEROUS VAULT TOILET?

Help us Find Unscreened Vault Toilets and Help Save Wildlife!

Charlie, a Good Samaritan, was out exploring in the Kootenai National Forest in Montana when he came across a vault toilet with an unscreened ventilation pipe. Charlie immediately contacted Teton Raptor Center to alert the Poo-Poo Project team of this unscreened pipe, which posed a risk to cavity-nesting birds. Within the week, screens were sent to the Libby Ranger District of Kootenai National Forest. Now this vault toilet is screened with one of our new stainless-steel Poo-Poo Screens and cavity-nesting birds in the area are protected from entrapment! When exploring public lands, be on the lookout for any unscreened ventilation pipes and let us know at raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org if you find any!



In 2010, Teton Raptor Center began the [Poo-Poo Project](#) to help protect cavity-nesting birds from being entrapped in vault toilets through the ventilation pipes. Cavity-nesters are animals that prefer dark, narrow spaces for nesting and roosting and can die from entrapment in these vertical open pipes. The Poo-Poo Project has sold over 15,150 Poo-Poo Screens which have been installed in all 50 state, the US Virgin Islands, and Canada. You can also help protect wildlife by [Sponsoring-a-Screen!](#) Your sponsorship can help send Poo-Poo screens all over the country, and they make great gifts!

This year alone the Poo-Poo Project has installed over 1,300 Poo-Poo Screens nationwide and in Canada. Our largest order of 184 screens went to Lake Sammamish State Park in Washington.

Visit <https://tetonraptorcenter.org/our-work/poo-poo-project/> for more information or to sponsor a screen.





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