## ANNUAL MEETING Celebrating the Year of the Bird



## Dear Member and/or Friend of the Bighorn Audubon Society,

The mission of our local Audubon chapter is to support the efforts of National Audubon Society with emphasis on protecting birds and their habitats, offering educational opportunities to our members and the public, advocating for birds, and citizen science.

With the help of wonderful bird supporters like you, we have many accomplishments this past year

- Release of *Common Birds of the Brinton and The Bighorn Mountains Foothills* by President Jackie Canterbury
- Birding at the Brinton for the full year.
- Provided seed for Audubon volunteer Vistara Parnham
- "Crane Song" movie with Sheridan County Fulmar Library
- Citizen Science Projects: Spring Bird Count, Christmas Bird Count, and Bald Eagle Survey (BLM)
- March for Science in Sheridan
- Active in local and national conservation issues impacting birds, including threats to Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Red Grade Trail proposed public land use, Tongue River / Kleenburn commercial development, Powder River District Ranger position, Wilderness Study Areas, Public Lands Day Rally and more.
- Important Birding Areas (IBA's) added this past year:

Valley View Neighborhood (Red Grade Area) Big Horn 266 acres

Bradford Brinton and conservation strategy

Kleenburn Recreation Area

- Strategy and startup of Little Goose Creek IBA
- Successful nesting programs at the Brinton
- Dave Polefka Bluebird box Memorials
- National Audubon Convention attended by Jackie.
- Montana Audubon program presentation by Jackie
- Amazon Smile program and email newsletter added
- "Universal Language of Birds" birding walk and program, partnered with Ucross Foundation

Please continue to bookmark our website: <u>www.bighornaudubon.com</u>. Here you will find complete information on our latest programs and bird related activities. We also maintain a Facebook page for members and friends to share bird sightings, our field trips, and accomplishments. Our website provides easy access to membership. You can also make additional donations to the Bighorn Audubon Society using PayPal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jackie Canterbury, President Bighorn Audubon Society

Rob Davidson, Vice President and Membership Chairman