

June 8, 2019
ANNUAL MEETING
BIGHORN AUDUBON SOCIETY



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

Bighorn Audubon Society is a grassroots community that works for the protection of birds and habitats for the benefit of our communities and the region. We envision a community where birds, wildlife, and their habitats are valued and protected.

We strive to offer educational opportunities to our members and our community, advocating for birds, and supporting citizen science.

Our local Audubon chapter also supports the science, education, and policy efforts of Audubon Rockies which is the regional office of the National Audubon Society serving Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah.

With the help of wonderful bird supporters like you, our accomplishments are many this past year:

- Release of *Wyoming's Ucross Ranch: Its Birds, History, and Natural Environment* by President Dr. Jackie Canterbury and Dr. Paul Johnsgard
- Monthly 'Birding at The Brinton' and Vistara's feeder watch
- New birding brochure: *Birding Wyoming Johnson & Sheridan Counties*
- Provided seed for Audubon volunteer – Vistara Parham
- Citizen Science Projects: Spring Bird Count, Christmas Bird Count, Bald Eagle Survey (BLM), Short-eared Owl surveys. Due to the government shutdown, board member Rob Davidson spearheaded the Bald Eagle Survey on behalf of BLM
- Active in local and national conservation issues impacting birds including: threats to Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Tongue River and Kleenburn industrial development, Instream-flow discussions, Western River's Project
- Just wrote the necessary papers to add Amsden Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area (4,147), and Kerns Wildlife Habitat Management Area (4,995 acres) to our IBA achievements
- Important Birding Areas (IBA's) added in 2018, 2019:
 - Kleenburn IBA (77 acres)
 - Falxa IBA (41,278 acres)
- Developed a vision and strategy for the Little Goose Creek IBA
- Developing a grant for The Brinton to remove cattle from Little Goose Creek
- Held 2 photo workshops led by Audubon member Dave Rinaldo
- eBird class conducted by board member Tina Toth
- Presentation by Audubon Board members Pam Moore and Tina Toth at Martin Luther Grammar School
- Trail End Museum Bird Walk for children led by Pam Moore
- Clear Creek trail bird walk led by Jackie and BLM
- Powder Horn bird walks to support their Audubon Certified Golf Course

- Wagon Box Monument bird, plant, history hike led by Jackie, Janell and Phil Gonzales, and historian Bob Wilson
- 9 Mountain Bluebird boxes were placed on private land near Red Grade Road to celebrate the life of Dave Polefka
- Continued production of our email-newsletter
- Time and effort along with contributions to Buffalo's Clear Creek Trail wetland restoration project led by Phil Gonzales
- Talk to Ranchester City Council about voles and wetlands by Jackie
- Creation of several new bird checklists for Kleenburn IBA, Clear Creek Trail, and Heritage Park
- Continued work on our website

Please continue to bookmark our website: www.bighornaudubon.com. 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.

You can also reach us at bighornaudubon@gmail.com

Thank-you for your continued support of Audubon. "We are making a difference."

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