The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the second Thursday of each month, October through May, in the Meeting Room of the logan city building, 255 N. Main. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The BAS Planning Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. September through May. Locations may change monthly. Check calendar page. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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National Audubon Society Chapter Membership Application

Yes, I'd like to join.
Please enroll me as a member of the national Audubon Society and of my local chapter. Please send Audubon magazine and my membership card to the address below.

Name __________________________

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My check for $20 is enclosed.

Bridgerland Audubon Society
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Questions regarding the legal and ethical hunting of domestic elk on elk farms have not been answered.
Unfortunately, no fencing is 100% escape-proof. Domestic elk will escape over time, and somebody, probably the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, will be forced to expend time and money to monitor escaped animals or herds. These personnel and financial resources will come out of other financially stressed wildlife-related programs. This proposal, at the very minimum, requires additional study and development. In the meantime, the citizens of Utah would be much better served with greater attention given to our existing native wildlife, and less given to the development of a domestic elk industry that may provide a short-term financial gain for a few farmers at the cost of long-term environmental damage to Utah's unique combination of natural resources.

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March Calendar

Meetings

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting, Logan City Offices, 255 North Main. Sue Morgan and Glen Leonard will be showing slides of their backpacking trip in Costa Rica, with observations about the wildlife. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. BAS Planning Meeting at the home of Robert Schmidt, 1665 East 1350 North, Officers, Chairpersons, and Trustees meet to discuss issues and make plans for meetings, activities and projects. General members are always welcome.

Trips

Saturday, March 6. Cross-Country Ski Trip: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Temple Fork in Logan Canyon. Meet at Forest Service parking lot. Bring water, sun glasses, ski gear, and a light lunch. Novice to moderate level. Ron or Wendy Hellstrom, 753-8750.

Saturday, March 15. Annual Willard Eagle Hike, 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A perfect trip to chase away cabin fever and get some exercise. This is an annual outing led by Jim Sinclair. sneakers and pack one bald eagles, golden eagles, and other raptors. First stop is at Willard Bay State Park about 10 miles south of Brigham City, where eagles have been roosting all winter. From there the group will drive to the edge of the Willard gravel pit and climb up a narrow ravine to a more gentle ridge and a splendid overlook of Willard Canyon and graceful raptors soaring at eye level on their way to roosts in the fir above. We may even see some wildflowers poking up toward the spring. It’s a strenuous hike, so bring good boots, warm clothes and lunch. A couple of routes of varying difficulty to the viewing area are available. Good viewing is also possible from the gravel pit without going to the top. Meet at 10:00 a.m. from the southwest corner of Fred Meyer’s parking lot. Return by late afternoon. In doubt about the weather, call Jim Sinclair at 752-0061.

Saturday, April 5. Flatwater Canoeing on the Bear River to witness seasonal changes, erosion controls, and cleanup procedures. Meet at the old County Courthouse, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Good family outing. Bring water, hats, sunscreen, and snacks. Some canoes will be provided (first come-first served). Limited to 25 people unless you bring your own canoe. Ron or Wendy Hellstrom, 753-8750.

Friday night and Saturday, April 18-19. Grouse Courtship Camping Trip. Visit the Curlew National Grassland in southern Idaho to observe sage and sharp-tailed grouse strutting their stuff. We’ll camp Friday night at the Curlew Campground north of Snowville at the south end of Stone Reservoir and go p.m. around the campfire to listen to the Willard Forest Service biologist discuss the geography and rituals. Saturday, we’ll get up before dawn to see birds giving their mating dances and traditional leks. Afterward, we’ll return to breakfast and organize some trips to visit at the Grasslands looking for other things. We may even get to hear a loon! Return afternoon. Carpools encouraged; information call Bryan Dixon at 752-6803.

Thursday-Sunday, April 24-27, Jim Nanson Hiking & Camping Trip. Angel’s Landing in the Emerald Pools, Hidden Canyons, etc. Bring gear and food. Approximately $35 is needed to cover fees and transportation for those not able to drive. Leave South Cache Freeman Center at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, and return around 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Range from novice to fairly experienced. Ages 14 and up. Ron or Wendy Hellstrom, 753-8750.

Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10. Willard to the Colorado and Green rivers and Lazy B at the National Park. $135 includes meals, meals, and permits and transportation to and from Lazy B, including pickup at the South Cache May 10 at 8:00 p.m. Bring camping and river clothes. Ages 14 and up to 35 people. Ron or Wendy Hellstrom, 753-8750.

May 31-June 6 or June 7-12. Birding Trips to Explore the Wasatch Front Flats, Great Basin Desert, Tahoe, Yosemite National Park and Moreover Aquarium/Tidal Pools. Camping and hobbying in the West’s most scenic and diverse environments. Here’s your chance to climb Half Dome or walk trails of John Muir. Costs have not yet been set. Limit to 20 people. Ages 12-Adult. Ron or Wendy Hellstrom, 753-8750.

Call for Nominations
This spring we will elect officers and new members to the Board of Trustees. A nominating committee has been formed, chaired by outgoing President, Robert Schmidt, to offer nominations to be held at the annual spring banquet on April 8 (see story elsewhere in this Stiff). Officers serve for two year terms and the positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The president conducts monthly and planning meetings and directs the activities of our various chairs (conservation, outings, etc.). The vice chair arranges for and introduces speakers, and fills in for the president as needed. The secretary writes up minutes of the planning meetings, collects and distributes our mail and maintains our records. The treasurer maintains our accounts, pays our bills and generally keeps the IRS from knocking at our door.

Trustees serve for three year terms and we can elect up to four in any given year. Trustees are responsible for setting policy at the monthly meetings and they generally fill in where needed on various projects where they have an interest.

If you would like to serve in one of these positions or know of a good candidate, please contact Robert Schmidt, 755-9282; Ted Evans, 753-2259; or Peter Robins, 755-3133 prior to March 15. Nominations from the Board will be printed in the April Stiff. (Late nominations will also taken from the floor but won’t appear on the ballots.)

New Members
Andrea Andersen
Dustin Anderson
Melanie Anderson
Monica Beckstrom
Nils Bergson
Caroline Cheal
Mr. Vance Davis
Faith Godfrey
James Graham
Andrew D Guss
Brooke Jaggé
Styler Jensen
Peter Kung & Zak Merrill
Angela Mathews

Renewing Members
Clifton & Diane Alston
Mr & Mrs John Barnes
Jenifer & Gary Belovsky
Budge Clinic
Ted Pose & Brenda Cooper
Mr John W Devliss
Joy Dougherty
Glen Gustafson
Katherine Gilbert
Jack Greene
Mr Al Jones
Mark Leonhardt

Bridgerland Audubon Supports Logan Canyon Nature Center

The Board of Trustees for Bridgerland Audubon Society reaffirmed their commitment to the Logan Canyon Nature Center project with a gift of $500. At their 19th February meeting, the Trustees committed these funds to the Logan Canyon Nature Center for the development of educational programs. These funds will be matched with $500 raised from other sources in order to encourage individuals and businesses in Cache Valley to contribute to this important endeavor.

“The hope of Bridgerland Audubon Society that the Logan Canyon Nature Center be a permanent and important addition to the science education programs already available in Cache Valley,” announced Robert Schmidt, president of BAS, “this gift demonstrates our commitment to this goal, and Bridgerland Audubon looks forward to working closely with the Logan Canyon Nature Center to insure its success.”

“The Logan Canyon Nature Center has received a phenomenal number of donations in both material and labor to restore the old American Legion Hall in Logan as the Logan Canyon Nature Center to its next phase, and its most important mission—to develop educational programs that will be taught in a stimulating outdoor environment,” stated Glen Gustafson, member of the Board of Directors for the Logan Canyon Nature Center.

“The Logan Canyon Nature Center is very thankful to Bridgerland for such a great start in developing funding for the educational programs of the Nature Center.”

Contributions to the Logan Canyon Nature Center can be sent to the Bridgerland Audubon Society with a notation on the check or envelope that says “Nature Center,” Mail to: Bridgerland Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3051, Logan, UT 84323.