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The Sound of Snowflakes and Warm Cranberry Pie

Have you ever heard a snowflake fall? I have.

My husband, Joe, our three children and I drove one day until the logging road ended among the spruce trees. Walking into an area that few people travel during the winter months, we could enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside.

It began to snow. Being all bundled up in snowsuits, hats, gloves and snug-fitting, fur-lined boots, neither the cold nor the snow bothered us. Sounds were muffled by the falling snow. The air was very still. Evergreens stood majestically in their winter splendor, their boughs drooping under the weight. Aspen and birches were naked except for an occasional frozen leaf.

Animal tracks were disappearing in the light snowfall, but we could still see where a fox had run between some trees, and a moose had left its telltale prints. Further on, under a willow bush, we saw the shiny, coal-black eyes and black-trimmed ears of a snowshoe hare. A red squirrel scampered down a tree trunk and dashed off to its midden, where it sat on its furry bottom, folding its hands and admonishing us for the intrusion. We heard the swishing sound of raven wings above.

Ahead, the children played tag, running, rolling and pushing each other. Laughter filled the air as they opened their mouths to catch a snowflake and feel it melt on their tongues. Leaving them to their games, Joe and I walked on until we were out of hearing range. Finding an old tree stump, we sat to rest.

It was so still there, we could hear the snowflakes touching the ground as they fell. Maybe it was because we were straining to hear the children, or maybe it was one of those rare occasions when one blends with nature and the senses are as acute as God meant them to be.

It was not long before the silence was shattered by three boisterous, giggling, shouting youngsters running and stumbling into view. They were ready to return home to the comfort of a warm fire, dry clothes, hot chocolate and their favorite goody, warm Cranberry Pie.

As we strolled hand-in-hand back to the car, each deep in our own thoughts, we saw a moose and her yearling calf walk out from the trees into full view and then disappear again like shadows.

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January Calendar

Meetings

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting, Special Birds of the Great Salt Lake—The Need for Preservation, Logan City Building, 255 North Main, Logan. Ella Sorenson will be showing slides of Utah's Great Salt Lake and comparing it with the ecology of Lake Texcoco, a very similar terminal inland salt lake in Mexico during the time of the Aztec conquest. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Monday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., Ogden Nature Center. Utah Audubon Council Planning Meeting. Get together with Audubon activists from around the state of Utah to hear about the latest legislative agenda and plan our lobbying efforts accordingly. Ann O'Connell, our very own lobbyist will be there to provide inside information on issues of concern for wildlife and the environment in Utah. Call Bryan (752-6830) or Jack (563-6816) for carpooling.

Wednesday, January 15. BAS Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m. At the home of Bryan Dixon, 10 Heritage Cove (255 East 700 North, Logan). Officers, Chairpersons, and Trustees meet to discuss issues and make plans for meetings, activities and projects. General members are always welcome.

Trips

BAS field trips are open to all. We're always watching for wildlife—especially birds! Unless stated otherwise, reservations are not needed, trips are open to all ages, and carpooling is available. If there is a trip you would like to lead or one you'd like to see offered, please call Bryan Dixon at 752-6830.

Bridgerland Audubon Youth Outdoor Club

Our Society is expanding its clientele of those who appreciate nature and the outdoors by initiating the Bridgerland Audubon Youth Outdoor Club. Although all BAS members are eligible for any sponsored trip, this group was organized primarily for high school students. They will experience a broad range of nature activities throughout the year. Over 35 students have already paid as official Audubon members, and have participated in cross-country skiing at Temple fork where they witnessed many wonders of winter including dippers and tracks of weasels, mice, rabbits, etc.

Adult advisors, Ron & Wendy Hellstern, are encouraging students from around Cache Valley to sign up and participate. Student elected chairman, Micah Austin from Hyrum, will be a driving force in the program's success. Tentative activities with approximate dates include:

January 17 — Downhill skiing at Beaver Mountain
February 8 — Snowshoe hiking in the Wood Camp area
March 26-30 — Desert ecology/hiking in Zion National Park
April 19 — Canoe marshes west of Logan
April 25-26 — Service Projects: Developing Nature Center areas in Hyrum and Paradise
May 8-11 — Rafting Colorado and Green Rivers, hiking Arches National Park
May 31-June 8 — Biodiversity Tour: Salt Flats, Great Basin Desert, Lake Tahoe, Mono Lake, Yosemite National Park, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Pacific Ocean

For more information, or to volunteer as adult guides, call 753-8750.

Advance Notice – Annual Banquet Scheduled

April 10 the date of our annual banquet at the Old Rock Church, 10 South Main in Providence. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with buffet dinner at 7:00. Awards, interesting speaker, and good friendship. Look in the next *Stilt* for details on tickets and agenda.

E-Mail Network Lives!

If you're not on the Audubon Alert Network, you're missing e-mail notices about the latest activities and events. Alerts are sent out on issues, outings, and rare bird sightings. If you'd like to be on the list, send an e-mail with "subscribe BAS" in the subject field, and please include your real name in the body of the e-mail message. Send it to: bdixon@cache.net and we'll put you on the list. It works

Being Heard

The December 1996 issue of *The Stilt* carried an article on page 5 under the headline "A Call to Action" which noted that "Audubon's adamantly opposed to the construction of a road to the southern tip of Antelope Island." One of our members followed the suggestion that we "write a letter." This is the response that he received:

"I acknowledge receipt of your December 7, 1996 letter opposing this project.

"I am including all letters received in the appendix of the report, so that users of the document and decision makers are aware of the broad range of concern and opinions being expressed."

Sincerely yours,
Diana L. Atkins
Project Manager

This looks like a good opportunity for all of us to be heard on this issue.

Merv Coover

Snowflakes and Cranberry Pie

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Later that evening, after the children had gone to bed, we sat in front of the fire and talked about the serenity of the moose and her baby, how a snowshoe hare changes colors to blend in with the seasons, and the magic of hearing a snowflake.

Cranberry Pie

Makes two 9-inch pies

2 cups flour 1 tablespoon melted butter
1 cup sugar 2½ cups raw whole cranberries
2 tsp baking powder ½ cup chopped walnuts
1 cup cold whole milk (optional)

SAUCE:

1 cup sugar ¾ cup evaporated milk
1 stick (½ cup) butter 1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. To make the pie, in a large mixing bowl combine the flour, sugar and baking powder. Stir in the milk, melted butter, cranberries and walnuts. Mix well and transfer to 2 ungreased 9-inch pie pans. Bake for 30 minutes.

2. To make the sauce, in a small saucepan combine the sugar, butter and evaporated milk. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 3 minutes, until sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in vanilla. Pour the sauce over the two pies. Cut in wedges and serve hot.

Avril Johannes

Chicken Soup for the Soul Cookbook

USU Outdoor Education Slide Show Series

Going on its 5th consecutive year, the slide shows are from the people like you adventuring all around the world. Climbing, river running, environmental education, avalanche awareness, and activism. Come on in, plant yourself into a comfortable chair and relax. Wednesdays, Student Center Auditorium, 7:30pm

- Jan. 8 "Alaska Mountaineering: Mt. Huntington and Surrounding Areas." Free.
- Jan. 22 "Ski Touring in Canada's Northwest Territories." Free.
- Jan. 29 "Importance of Biodiversity in Western Mongolia." Free.
- Feb. 5 "Exploring Winter in the Bear Rivers: Discovering Tracks in Our Backyard." Free.
- Feb. 12 "Marshland to Mountaintop: A Perspective of Light." Landscapes, Snowscapes and Wildlife of Cache Valley. Free.
- Feb. 19 "Outdoor Education with Common Ground Outdoor Adventures." Free.
- Feb. 24 & 25 "Banff Festival of Mountain Films: Best of the Fest."

New Members

David Choate
Jackie Glockhamer
James Graham
Terry Hall
Karen V Harris
Stephen Luck
Amy L McMullen
Bonnie Palmer

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Birdseed Available

Clean Seed
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Purchase at Sunrise Cyclery or contact Nick Strickland or Alice Stokes. Bags can be turned in to be recycled, but no longer a monetary discount.

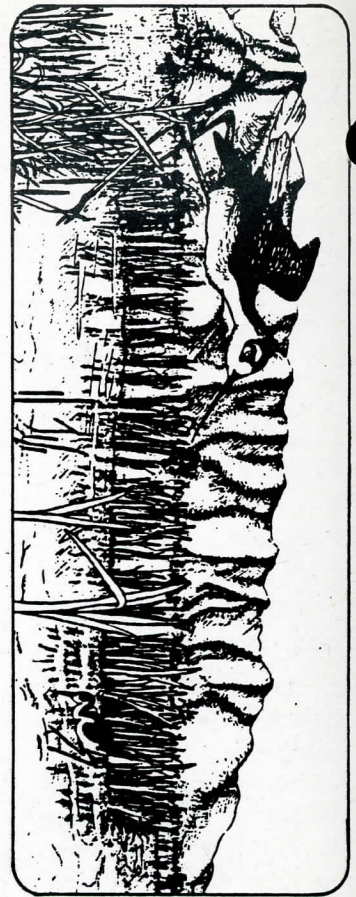
Pick-up your sunflower seed supply as soon as possible. These individuals have limited space for winter storage.

The Birds Thank You!

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Membership in the Bridgerland Audubon Society includes a subscription to *The Stilt*, as well as the *Audubon* magazine. The editor of *The Stilt* invites submissions of any kind, due on the 15th of each month. Send to 280 N. 300 E., Logan, UT 84321.

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My check for \$20 is enclosed.

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