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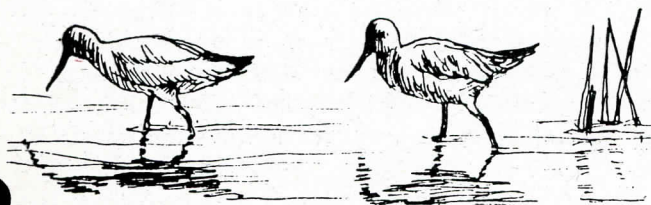
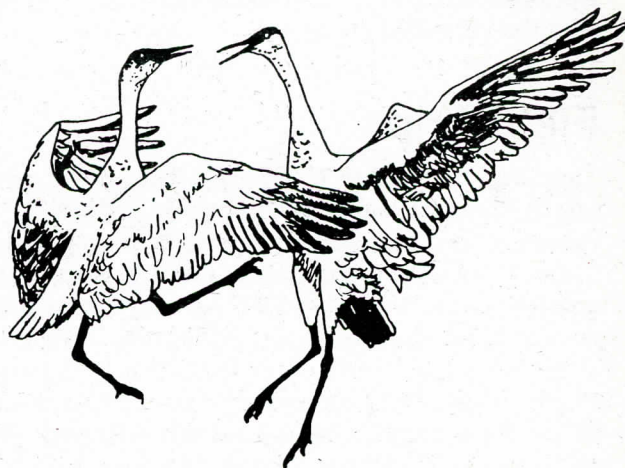
Sandhill Crane Days '98

*September 11 & 12
In Cache and Box Elder Counties*

*Come listen for cranes in the sparkle of early
awakening marshes.*

*Track hawks and falcons in the high thermals
of the Wellsville Mountains.*

*Cherish the visit of world migrants on the
northern reaches of the Great Salt Lake.*



*Join us for a weekend of birding to learn about the
natural world of Utah's Cache Valley and the Bear
River Migratory Bird Refuge.*

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September Calendar

Meetings

Thursday, September 10, 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at the Logan City Hall meeting room, 255 North Main. All members are invited to join us as we review projects, priorities and issues.

Thursday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Logan City Hall meeting room, 255 N. Main. The topic will be the Kokanee Salmon in Cache Valley: An Inland Sockeye. Deep in Porcupine Reservoir live Cache Valley's version of the sockeye salmon, the Kokanee, which travel up Cinnamon Creek each fall to spawn. These fish are the same species as the famous sockeye, but have adapted gill filters for zooplankton. Find out how they got here, what adaptations they've adopted to live in an inland lake and what they mean to the local ecosystem. A DWR biologist will be giving the presentation, and we'll follow up with a field trip to Porcupine Reservoir on September 12. The public is invited and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. Conservation Committee Meeting at the Logan Library, Room 3. Get an update on conservation issues and meet with others who are doing something about them.

Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. Audubon Council Retreat. Following Sandhill Crane Days, BAS will host the semi-annual Audubon Council retreat at the Stokes Nature Center. See more details in "Board Stuff" (page 3). This is a great time to meet some of the other Audubon activists in Utah and hear what the other Audubon societies are up to.

Field Trips

Thursday, September 3. Evening Canoe Trip on the Logan River. Spend an evening paddling a short section of the Logan River as it winds its way to the Cutler Marsh. We put in a short distance west of town and take out at the Valley View Marina. This trip is flatwater and suitable for all paddlecraft. Meet at 6 p.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis at 55 East 150 North, Logan. Bring binoculars and your own boat and PFD's. If we don't get totally lost out in that maze, we should be finished by about 8:30 or 9 p.m., but don't worry, for there's a waxing moon for light at the end. We should hear Sandhill Cranes calling, and if it's dark at the end, we may hear an American Bittern! For more information, call Jean at 752-6830.

Friday, Saturday, September 11-12. Sandhill Crane Days. Spend a couple of days with others who marvel at our Sandhill Cranes. Friday night starts it off with a reception, dinner and speaker Kent Clegg, Idaho Crane biologist, who continues to study the imprinting and migratory mysteries of Sandhill and Whooping

Cranes—on the ground and from the seat of an ultralight! Saturday's events include field trips in Cache Valley and at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, followed by a Dutch oven dinner at the Box Elder Campground. Advance registration is important as attendance is limited and usually fills up. Call Margaret Pettis, 245-6747, for information and registration information.

Saturday, September 12. Annual Kokanee Salmon Run. Visit Porcupine Reservoir to find the spawning Kokanee salmon run when streams can be choked with crimson fresh-water salmon. Meet at the Stokes Nature Center where biologists will explain the ecology and natural history of this unique fish. An excellent family trip. After viewing the salmon, some of us will take a short hike up Cinnamon Creek to explore a beautiful riparian valley. Return early afternoon. Bring lunch, water, binoculars and cameras. For more information, contact Stokes Nature Center, 755-3239.

Friday-Sunday, September 25-27. Annual Trip to Hear Elk Bugling in Jackson Hole. This year, the trip is a bit earlier and at the peak of the elk hormones! Camp together at the Gros Ventre Campground approximately 10 miles northeast of Jackson. Most people arrive Friday, but you can arrive on Thursday, as trip leaders will be there early to spot the animals. Spend Saturday looking for bison, pronghorn, elk and other wildlife. After super, go out to listen for elk bugling. Sunday free for various hikes. Return by suppertime Sunday. This was one of Allen Stokes' favorite BAS trips, and we'll be remembering him around the campfire. Call Terry Barnes at 563-3910 (evenings and weekends) for reservations and carpooling arrangements. Bring your own food and camping gear. Though the weather can be quite pleasant, you should be prepared for freezing temperatures at night.

Saturday, October 3. Annual Hawk Watch. Hike up to the crest of the Wellsville Mountains to witness one of the wonders of the avian world. Over 6,000 hawks migrate along the Wellsvilles between mid-August and mid-October. On a good day, we'll see over 100 raptors including Golden Eagles, accipiter and falcons. We'll hike up Deep Canyon to a station monitored by HawkWatch International and get an update from the year's watchers. The trail gains 3,000 feet in approximately four miles and is a bit steep in places, so wear sturdy footwear. We like to sit on top for a couple of hours to watch the hawks, and since it is usually cool and windy on the ridge, a change of layers, a warm sweater and a good wind shell make the experience more comfortable. Bring lunch and water. Leave at 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot north of Straw Ibis, (about 55 East and 150 North in Logan); carpooling will be available. For more information or if bad weather makes the trip questionable, call Jim Sinclair, 752-0061.

Bucks for Birds – Birdathon Success

As a fundraiser, the BAS Birdathon is one fun thing to do. It was held Saturday, May 30, and for a change, we had great weather. Campers in Green Canyon were probably a bit put out when we all converged there about 4-5 a.m. playing tapes for owls, but hey, we only do it once a year! By the end of the day, one team had found 147 species, another 143, and down from there. As the donations rolled in over the last few weeks, we totaled over \$4,100 in contributions, almost all from local sources.

Team leaders were especially important, as they're the ones who call folks asking for money. They did a great job, and we'd like to thank them: Allen Christensen, Val Grant, Terry Hall, Dick Hurren, Bill Masslich, Laurie Ness, Teri Peery, Doug Temple.

We focused our fundraising efforts on BAS members this year. If you don't get called and would like to donate to our 1998 Birdathon, just send a check to BAS at our post office box. Use of proceeds went 25% to the Stokes Nature Center, 25% to establishing a state office for Audubon in Utah, 25% for our Environmental education grants program, and 25% for our own conservation programs. Special thanks to all the donors who made this such a success:

Anne Anderson, Keith Archibald, Robert Atwood, John Balph, Martha Balph, Diane Baum, Jennifer & Gary Belovsky, Greg Beveridge and Joan Ashman, Jim Bilskie, Hallie and Pam Blackman, Ivan Bogoev, Marie Borg, Lelise Brown, Mark Brunson, Caffé Ibis (Randy Wirth and Sally Sears), Allen Christensen, Amy Clark, Gaylen Cook, Mervin & Mae Coover, Tom Dixon, Bryan Dixon and Jean Lown, Kurt Finlayson, Stephen Flint, Jim & Debbie Gessaman, Katherine & Barie Gilbert, Tom & Patricia Gordon, Michael Granger, Val & Sue Grant, Rob Gunn, Terry Hall, Carolee Hammel, Robert Hammond, Barb & Rob Harrison, John Hernandez, Dawn Hooker, Douglas Hunter, Ken Jenner, Reinhard A Jockel, David F Johnson, Steven & Johnnie Karren, Rudy Kemp, Jean Kenyon, Kerkman Family, Frederick F Knowlton, Deaun Lape, Benjamin Lignugaris-Kraft, James MacMahon, Suzanne Macriss, Carl Malouf, William Masslich, Carolann Militano, Robert N Miller, Christie Needham, Eric Nelson, Fern Peery, Joseph Peery, Teri Peery and Chris Himmel, Shelley & Matthew Reier, Beverly & Jerry Ridenhour, Pam Riley and Bryan Spykerman, Sandra Robertson, Steven Rosen and Jane Connell, Helen Ruggeri, Linda Ruggeri, Lawrence Ryel, Ron Ryel, Charles Salzberg, Sue Sanborn and Jerry Fuhrman, Carl J Saunders, John Schmidt, Joanne Sharp, Richard Shaw, Jim Sinclair, Caroline St Onge and Mark Feis, Robyne & Myron Stephenson, Alan Stevenson & Catherine Sharpsteen, Nancy A Stiles, Randy Stocker, Walter & Marie Strickland, David & Karen Suisse, Kim Sullivan, Bruce

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Board Stuff (As opposed to bored stiff . . .)

BAS is governed by a Board of Trustees which meets once a month (see meetings listed in the Calendar). Good camaraderie as we fight the forces of evil and save the world. All BAS members are invited, of course.

New Nature Center Management – At their May meeting, the Board of Directors of the Stokes Nature Center hired Jen Levy as the new full time director. If you know Jen, you'll know her enthusiasm, warm personality and competence in environmental education. Jen has numerous new school programs on line, a number of programs for the general public, including family workshops the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. (We took nieces and nephews to one on reptiles and amphibian recently, and they had a slitheringly good time!) In a late-breaking flash (really!), the Nature Center also hired our own Lois Olson (*Still* editor) as the new Program Director. For more information on their programs, call 755-3239 or check out their WWW page: www.logannature.org.

BAS Annual Retreat – By the time this comes out, the Board will have met for its annual retreat and workshop (Saturday, August 22). This is becoming an annual workshop for us to relax and think about longer term issues for BAS. We'll be discussing outings, meetings, and conservation campaigns. We'll also review budgets.

Audubon Council of Utah will be holding their fall retreat at the Stokes Nature Center Sunday morning, September 13 (following the Crane Days Celebration September 11-12). The meeting will be held Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon, with breakfast available beginning at 7 a.m. and short field trips around the Center before and after the meetings.

The Council is made up of representatives from each of the Audubon societies in Utah, and serves to coordinate the efforts of the societies on issues of statewide significance.

The Council meets on a variable schedule in Ogden throughout the year, and holds a retreat in the fall and spring. The topic for discussion at this retreat will be the final wording of the documents creating a state office for Audubon in Utah. As many of you know, local Audubon societies are independent organizations and share an affiliation with the National Audubon Society. NAS has provided important leadership on national

and international issues, and local societies typically handle statewide and local issues. For many years, NAS staffed regional offices to provide support for local societies, but with more and more work to be done, NAS is dissolving the regional offices and encouraging societies to form state offices. The exact structure and objectives of the Utah office are being decided now. Any BAS member is welcome to attend the Council meeting – just call me (Bryan, 752-6830) and I'll fill you in.

We will need host families for about 15-20 folks from as far away as St. George for the Saturday and Sunday nights. If you could provide sleeping space for some of these folks, that would be a big help. Call me at 752-6830 if you've got room. I always find it inspiring to talk with folks outside our area who are facing some of the same challenges and getting things done!

Conservation Updates – Grazing permittees will be on their allotments in August. Two that we're watching pretty closely are the Spawn Creek drainage (accessed from Temple Fork), and the north fork of High Creek east of Richmond. If you're hiking in September, you might want to spend a little time in these areas to see first hand what the impacts really are. Take some photos and note whether the livestock were being kept away from the streams.

The USU Forestry Department has proposed a substantial clear cut proposal in the "Bear Hodges" area involving four sections of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in the area known as the "T.W. Daniels School Forest" near the Sinks. The Forest Service published an environmental assessment soliciting comments (were due July 20). According to the summary, "The proposed treatment includes removing large areas of lodgepole pine and spruce-fir types, mimicking historical patterns of disturbance." It appears the idea is to clear cut up to 600 acres (nearly a square mile) to mimic the effect of fires which are believed to have occurred prior to European American settlement. "A long history of fire suppression, grazing, and logging activities has created an imbalance in the variety in forest and plant communities across the landscape" (p. 2 of the EA) leading to infestations of beetles. The working hypothesis is that by cutting down the "large, older, more dense" trees, the forest can be restored to a more healthy, mixed age environment. If you've got some training in forest resources, you may want to examine this EA and, even though the official comment has lapsed, send in your thoughts. Concerns might include where we will provide old-age forest stands for those species that need them if we keep cutting them down. There also seems to be a dearth of discussion about the adverse impacts of overgrazing in the area and plans to address the problem.

Regarding Water Conservancy Districts, there was good news on the environmental front this summer.

Under pressure from Logan City, the County Water Policy Board decided not to pursue a WCD until after September 15, when a new and much more democratic law takes effect governing the creation of WCDs. In effect, the new law requires a much higher percentage of citizens to sign petitions proposing its creation, which must then receive the support of a majority of the voters in a general election. BAS is still not convinced that a WCD is the best way to address water problems in Cache Valley, but at least the formation of such a creature will be by democratic form, and the state "objectives" include research and programs to curtail water pollution. Stay tuned, though, as several agriculture groups may still try to form a WCD under the old law.

Finally, there are still two big issues looming on a statewide scale which concern Audubon. The Army Corps of Engineers rejected the alignment of the Legacy Highway preferred by Governor Leavitt and the mayors along the Wasatch Front because it destroyed too many wetlands and there were other reasonable alternatives which were less destructive. The thoughtful Governor is seeking to overturn the Corps' decision through political means. It would be helpful to send letters supporting the local Corps decision not to give in to development. Send them to: Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civil Works Department of the Army, 108 Army Pentagon Room 2E570, Washington, DC 20310-0108.

The other issue of statewide (national) significance is the growing pressure for wilderness designations in Bureau of Land Management lands. The Southern Utah Wilderness Association has recently completed a citizens' re-inventory of BLM lands and revisited their wilderness proposal. This represents a tremendous amount of work on the part of hundreds of volunteers. Look for information on this effort and support them when you can. Preserving wild lands is more and more difficult in this age of the ubiquitous ORV and their powerful lobbies. Our descendants will value our preservation efforts of these lands much more than any road, mining or development we allow on them.

Outings – Check out the outings we've got planned—there's something for families, hard core hikers, naturalists, and campers. Watch the paper and listen to KUSU and KVNU for announcements of trips we organize at the last minute.

And don't forget the Stokes Nature Center. The second and fourth Saturdays of each month are family days, with great programs for all ages.

There's a lot going on, so if you meet newcomers to our valley, be sure to tell them about BAS and encourage them to join!

— Bryan Dixon, Prez.

Congratulations! Environmental Education Grant Recipients!

Each year, BAS awards \$2,000 in cash to between three and eight school teachers to help them offer environmental education projects which aren't "in the budget." Proposals are judged by a BAS committee for reasonableness, impact, and consistency with BAS's environmental goals. This year's recipients were:

Wetlands Bio-filtration System

Bryce Passey at Mount Logan Middle School was awarded \$500 for materials to create a bio-filtration system at a mini-wetlands they have created behind the school. Kirk Wilcox, of the Greenhouse Nursery, is offering the technical assistance to design the system, and students will install it. The mini-wetlands (funded in part by a previous EE Grant) has proven a valuable resource for learning about plant identification, ecosystems, water sampling and testing.

The Life and Behavior of Small Animals

David Gilbert at Greenville Elementary, was awarded \$500 for field guides, wetland aquarium supplies and animals, small classroom mammals, birds and fish and assorted supplies to sustain them. The materials will be used to teach 225 students rotating through a five week curriculum about how animals eat, behave and live in their environment. The students will learn about identification, life histories, and develop observation and recording skills as they monitor the animals' health and behavior.

Outdoor Science Bags

Daryl Guymon, of Woodruff Elementary, was awarded \$500 for materials and tools to analyze and record observations about soils and geology on a series of field trips in northern Utah. The funds will allow Mr. Guymon to assemble 25 Outdoor Science Bags, one for each student, to use throughout the year.

Fish Hatchery

Ron Hellstern, at the South Cache Freshman Center, was awarded \$500 for a "raise and release" fish hatchery program. His students will research the proper environment and growing conditions for bass, then create a mini-hatchery in which to raise fish during the school year. They will interact with the Division of Wildlife Resources to learn about how the state manages fish hatcheries and when grown, they will release the fish into an approved wild habitat. They will learn numerous skills in the areas of research, mathematics, observation, and writing.

Applying for EE Grants: Teachers with an interest in applying for next year's Environmental Education Project should write: BAS EE Grants, P.O. Box 3501, Logan, UT 84323-3501, or send an email to: audubon@digitalpla.net for application materials. Proposals are usually solicited in the spring and awards are made in time for the next school year.

New Members

Don Briel
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Cathy Webb
Melva Wiebe

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Mary I Piette
Lawrence A Ryel
Thomas J Schroeder
Kim & Peggy Smith
Kim Sullivan & Bruce Pendery
Paul C Ustach
Karen Wood
Wayne Wurtsbaugh & Linda L'Ai

International Raptor Research Foundation to Meet in Ogden

The 1998 annual meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation will meet in Ogden from September 30 through October 4.

The Raptor Research Foundation is made up of over 1200 members from 50 countries. This professional society is "... concerned with the study and conservation of hawks, falcons, eagles, and owls." This simple goal is very complex when implemented. The segment of the world's bird population known as "raptors" is a diverse and fascinating group. Some raptors are nocturnal (night feeders) such as Barn Owls and the Great Horned Owl. Some are migratory where habitats need protection such as the Peregrine Falcon, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Flammulated Owl and the Burrowing Owl. Some raptors are Utah residents which need our protection such as the Golden Eagle and the Red-tailed Hawk.

It is expected that over 200 researchers and conservation minded individuals will participate in the meeting. The meeting will include scientific papers, a Burrowing Owl symposium, a Spotted Owl symposium and a cookout on Antelope Island. Follow the story in future issues of this newsletter.

For more information, visit the RRF home page at <http://catsis.weber.edu//rrf> or contact Dr. Carl Marti at 801-626-7445.

Book Review: *Birding Utah*

Numerous field guides exist to help you to identify birds; however, if you cannot locate birds, your field guides are of little use. *Birding Utah*, the latest in Falcon Press' state-by-state guide series, provides a comprehensive resource for finding birds in Utah. The wealth of information provided should prove extremely useful for novice to expert birders, as well as anyone who wants to escape and enjoy a bit of the outdoors.

The book is organized into five chapters and an extensive appendix of birding and travel information sources. It is well written in a casual style, while remaining scientifically accurate. Chapter 1 details the basics of planning a successful birding trip, which should be most useful to novice birders. I am extremely pleased that the author included a section on the ethics of birding and ways to minimize disturbance. One of the primary problems with books describing special places is many people end up visiting and soon the places become not so special. I hope all readers pay close attention to this section and the notes throughout the book on suggestions to minimize disturbance to wildlife and others in the area.

The second chapter describes Utah's biological environment from a broad-scale description of topography and climate to a finer resolution of habitats. This chapter is unique in that the author not only provides basic descriptions of land-forms, but also provides the reader with explanations of why they occur. Reading this chapter should give you an intimate feeling of the biological organization and spatial qualities of the state.

The majority of the book is devoted to chapter 3, a description of 112 potential birding sites grouped according to region. The sites range from potential day trips at cemeteries and fish hatcheries to longer excursions in National and State parks. The amount of detail that is provided for each site makes this book much more than a birding guide, but a travel guide for nature around the state. Included for each site are a list of habitats, birds, best times to bird, suggestions on where birds may be seen, directions to the site, general area information, a map, potential hazards, nearest facilities, and camping locations. I was pleasantly amused that the author chose to include a source for more information on the site, because it is difficult to imagine what else they could provide. It is obvious that each site has been visited and researched by the author.

The fourth chapter is a listing of birds that occur within the state; and associated habitat type, the regional distribution, and seasonal occurrence within the state.

In chapter 5, the author has selected 50 "sought after" birds and details where and when the birds are likely to be found, and the chances for viewing one of these species. This chapter is unique to this birding guide

because it also includes fine-scaled distribution maps based on current habitat types.

My only criticism with the book is the manner in which it has been bound. For a field guide that is likely to get a significant amount of use outdoors, I wonder if the binding will hold up very long. A more substantial binding would have been of great value.

McIvor, D.E. 1998. *Birding Utah*. Falcon Press Publishing, Helena, Montana. 410 pp. \$19.95, ISBN: 1-56-44-615-3.

CPLC Working to Protect Logan Canyon

Two Bridges Project Almost Completed

We have successfully navigated the first road project with the completion of Burnt and Lower Twin Bridges. Burnt is completed and signed off. Lower Twin is almost complete. The former road has been filled and the new slope seeded with a native mix of grasses. Our hats are off to BioWest who carefully monitored the project and to Shawn and Lauren who has spent countless hours studying road and bridge plans. UDOT was receptive to our recommendations; we think the cooperating advisory team (CAT) was a key to this success. And speaking of hats, Lauren has received her new UDOT hard hat for the next phase. Even though no construction is planned for the rest of 1998 and in to 99, the next project is in the design stage. The road will be widened between Tony Grove and Franklin Basin, an area that contains a significant amount of wetland. The closer the road is built to the river, the less need for wetland mitigation. Wetland mitigation permits are hard to come by and UDOT is having trouble obtaining the 404 permits. However, building close to the river requires the construction of retaining walls. The Record of Decision (ROD) requires that there be no change to the free flowing nature of the river. We need lots of help for this phase. It was Shawn's attention to the details of the bridge designs that stopped wider road approaches. Road widening is a constant issue. We will be protesting the construction of a right hand turn lane for Franklin Basin coming down the canyon. Anybody interested in learning the details of this construction phase should contact Lauren (752-0706).

Watershed Protection

CPLC continues to advocate for watershed protection in Logan Canyon. We have asked the USFS to take action at Spawn Creek and Bear Hodges. Spawn Creek, last year at this time, exhibited E. coli counts six times greater than the criteria set by state guidelines. There are no cattle this year in the riparian area of Spawn Creek—a rest year. You should take a walk along the banks; it's delightful. No manure, no flies and no barnyard smells. John Carter and I, at the end of July,

counted 400 new willow shoots within 10 feet of the banks. Wild rose bushes are abundant and the seeps are covered with long grass instead of being mud wallows. If this riparian area were to remain free of cattle for several years, we would begin to see the bush and tree cover that should be there for a productive and healthy spawning creek. There will be cattle later in the season (mid-September) when the cattle are removed from the upland pastures, so visit it now! Let the forest service know you want more areas that are cow-free!

Within the Bear Hodges area, there is a proposal in cooperation with the USU Forestry Department, for treatments on the T.W. Daniel Forest. The proposal is to restore the forest to its "natural condition" through silviculture practices. To us, the proposal contains excessive cutting of old growth and not enough protection of wildlife habitat. Current grazing practices would continue which means that new growth would be eaten and trampled by cattle. We have asked the forest service to seek a second opinion before proceeding with this project.

Please Help Us! Protecting Logan Canyon from all the encroachments is a daunting job. If anybody would like more information or would like to help, please call me at 752-0946.

— Kathy Gilbert
President CPLC

Discovery News Brief: New Bird Species Barks Like a Dog

When scientists first heard the call of a new bird species discovered high in the Ecuadorean Andes, they were baffled.

"It was hard to tell if it was a dog or a bird," says David Agro, collections manager for ornithology at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, who taped the bird call that you can hear on Discovery Online.

The bird, a species of *Antpitta*, is one of the largest found in the last 50 years, according to experts at the academy. It was discovered last November by Robert Ridgely, director of the Center for Neotropical Ornithology at the academy, while he was hiking in Podocarpus National Park in southern Ecuador.

Ten inches long from the tip of its tail, the bird stalks along the forest floor on thin legs, eating large insects. It has a distinctive broad white stripe below its eye, setting off its black crown.

"It's amazing that this bird has gone undetected since the area is well known to birders," says Ridgely. "It's like finding a pot of gold in your back yard."

Researchers will wait to officially name the bird and release clear pictures until its description has been published in the peer-reviewed journal *The Auk*.

Getting the bird close enough to record a call wasn't easy, Agro says. On a second trip to the 11,000-foot-high area to gather specimens, he first heard the male from about 500 feet away, then played a tape recording of the bird's call.

The bird came closer, looking for the intruder in his territory.

Agro scrambled down a wet, slippery slope and slung his arm around a tree branch, stretching out to record the bird's odd call from 10 feet away.

By Lori Cuthbert, Discovery Online News

For more News Briefs, and for Feature Stories, Mind Games, and real-time Expeditions, visit Discovery Channel Online at <http://www.discovery.com>.

Nature Center Autumn Photo Workshop

The Allen & Alice Stokes Nature Center in Logan Canyon will be the setting for a Photography Workshop offered by Utah nature photographer Scott T. Smith. This will be held Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. It will consist of photography and instruction in Logan Canyon located in northern Utah. It is geared toward the advanced beginner and intermediate photographers. For more information contact Glen Gantz, 435-258-2748, ggantz@digitalpla.net.

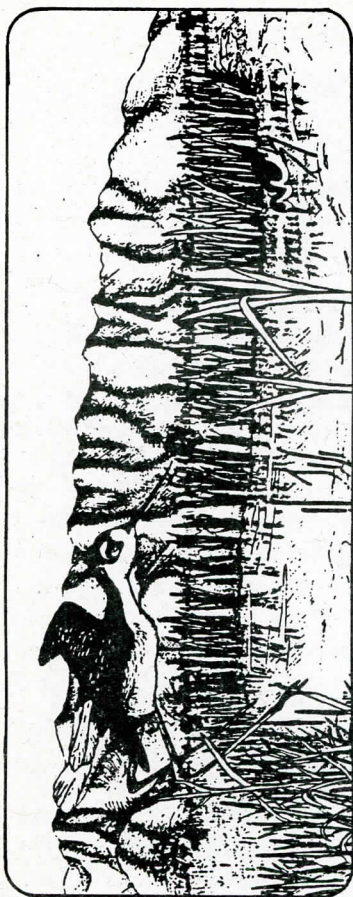
Scott is a self-taught photographer whose favorite subject is the natural world. A former research meteorologist, he got his first camera in 1979 and began to take photos on his outdoor adventures—snapshots to share with family and friends. He has been a full time freelance photographer since 1988 when he quit his "real" job and he and his wife, Mary, lived in their truck and the back country for a year while making photos.

Scott is the sole photographer of two books: *Nevada: Magnificent Wilderness* and *Stories to Gather All Those Lost* with writer Ona Siporin. His cityscape and architecture photos appear annually in his Salt Lake City calendar and his photos of historic buildings, people outdoors, and nature appear frequently in places such as *Sierra*, *National Geographic*, *Traveler*, *Backpacker*, *Outdoor America*, *The New York Times*, *National Parks*, and numerous text and trade books.

Native Utahns, Scott and Mary live in northern Utah's Cache Valley with six pack llamas, a passel of geese, and three spoiled cats. They own property in Torrey and are planning their escape to the Fremont River Valley.

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The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the first 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. The Conservation Committee will meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 3 in Logan City Library. Locations may change monthly. Check calendar page. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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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