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Following the Avocets

A project to link shorebird sites in Canada, United States, and Mexico.

Three impressions:

1. Walking barefoot in the mud this last January, coming through the Red Mangroves and spotting American Avocets in Marismas Nacionales, a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) site north of San Blas, Mexico.

2. Driving mile after mile seeing the "Prairie Jewels" or Prairie Potholes in Saskatchewan, Canada. Stopping to take time to watch the Avocets and other birds at one of the "Jewels."

3. Listening to two local ranchers saying we need to make use of what resources are provided to us, but we also need to take care of them. One local rancher is speaking by Chaplin Lake in May 1998, a WHSRN site in Canada. The other local rancher is speaking to a large assembly of community leaders in Rosamorada in January 1999, a town close to Marismas Nacionales.

The two areas mentioned above, Chaplin Lakes in Canada and Marismas Nacionales in Mexico are inextricably linked to the Great Salt Lake. The American Avocets and other birds that come through the Great Salt Lake, go to Saskatchewan Canada for nesting in spring/summer and return to Mexico for the winter.

Six people from Utah recently had the opportunity to link with Canadians and Mexicans to share our common resources. In May, 1998 Don Paul, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Vickie Roy, Bear River

Refuge, Ella Sorensen and myself visited Saskatchewan, Canada. In January 1999, Don, Vickie and myself were joined by Joel Peterson, The Nature Conservancy and Catherine Quinn, Friends of Great Salt Lake as we visited Marismas Nacionales, San Blas and other sites in Nayarit, Mexico, which is the Mexican state just north of Puerto Vallarta. We were part of two "Linking Communities, Migratory Birds and Wetlands" workshops. The workshops were sponsored by Wetlands International and the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. Besides sharing the tremendous birding in both locations, the participants had the opportunity to work together to better understand the value of the resources as well as the attempts being made to enjoy and protect the areas.

I wish I could convey the sense of wonder, awe and concern at seeing the Avocets in their various homes. But, at least I can share opportunities for you to have

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April Calendar

Meetings

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting. at the home of Bryan Dixon, 10 Heritage Cove, Logan. All BAS members are invited to join us as we review projects, priorities and issues.

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Forest Breakfast at JB's Restaurant. Meeting with local USFS District Ranger, Brian Ferebee, to discuss concerns and issues on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Anyone is welcome; breakfast on your own.

Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Annual Banquet and Election of Trustees. See notice for banquet in this issue for details. Tickets \$15, available at Sunrise Cyclery, Straw Ibis, and Trailhead Sports in Logan.

Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Conservation Committee. Meet in Room 2 of the Logan Library, 255 North Main. This meeting is especially important for anyone interested in participating in BAS's Wetlands Watcher program. See article elsewhere in this newsletter for details. For more information, contact Bruce Pendery, 792-4150.

Field Trips

All BAS trips are open to the public. For more information, call the trip leader listed at the end of each description.

Saturday, April 3. Canoe the "Ditch-Down" section of the Logan River. Leave from the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East, Logan) at 9:00 a.m. to canoe a seriously sinuous stretch of the Logan River, ending at the Valley View Marina. The paddling takes less than three hours and is all flat water. We'll see a variety of waterfowl, including nesting geese, and along the way we'll have a chance to poke into a beaver dam and explore side channels until we're hopelessly lost. Bring your own canoe and paddles, and lunch rations are definitely a good idea. (Anybody got a rescue flare?) Boats may be available for rent at Trailhead Sports or the USU Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information call Keith Archibald, 752-8258.

Saturday, April 10. Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Join us for a half-day trip to a nationally famous refuge for waterfowl and shorebirds. This should be an excellent time to see many different ducks, perhaps swans, as well as many shorebirds. We'll have spotting scopes available. Bring binoculars, lunch and water. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East, Logan) or 8:00 a.m. at the home of Dick Hurren in Brigham City (1025 North 450 West). You can catch a ride in a carpool from either spot. We've timed it so those who are interested can continue to Morgan for the Audubon Retreat (see next column). for more information, call Dick, 734-2653.

Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11. Audubon of Utah Council Retreat. Join other Audubon members from across Utah for birding, fellowship, eating, more birding, more eating, oh yeah, and a short meeting. We convene at the Morgan County Search and Rescue Lodge at noon on Saturday. We'll spend the afternoon birding at the sewage lagoons and local environs before returning to the lodge for a potluck dinner. After socializing you can set up a tent in the nearby grounds or throw out a sleeping bag on the floor of the lodge. Sunday, we get up before dawn to drive to a local Sage Grouse lek to watch annual mating rituals almost as weird as humans'. Then, it's back to the lodge for breakfast provided by the Wasatch Audubon, and a business meeting from 9 a.m. until noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with other environmentalists and renew our own enthusiasm for our own conservation efforts.

To get there from Logan, take Route 30 West (alias Valley View Highway or 200 North). Turn south on I-15 toward Ogden. Just south of Ogden, take Exit 343 for I-84 East. When you reach Morgan (approximately 24 miles), use Exit 103 from I-84 and turn left on Route 66, going under the I-84 Highway. Proceed up the hill, turn left onto 700 East and follow it 0.6 miles. Turn right onto the rifle range road (straight across from the middle of the cemetery). Drive straight up this road 1/8 mile and turn right into the Morgan County Search and Rescue Lodge. For carpooling or other information, call Bryan Dixon at 752-6830, or e-mail him at bdixon@xmission.com.

Saturday, April 17. Valley Migration Trip. Tour Cache Valley to monitor the spring migration. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East, Logan). We haven't set the full itinerary yet, but we promise some "secret" spots you may not have found yet, including some special places to overlook marshes and the Bear River. Carpooling will be available. For more information, call Larry Ryel, 753-8479.

Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18. Wilderness First Aid (and Wilderness First Responder Refresher) Course at the Stokes Nature Center. A complete description of the course can be found in the March 1999 issue of the *Stilt*, or contact Glen Gantz at 258-2748 (ggantz@digitalpla.net). Cost is \$100.

Saturday, April 24. Amalga Barrens Shorebirds. If you don't have the Long-legged Slinky-necked Mudpoker on your life list, here's your chance. Shorebirds can be really tough to identify, which means you can find some really unusual ones if you look hard enough (and no one else is watching). The Amalga Barrens offer mud, mud, and more mud, full of invertebrates just ripe for a long billed Whojeewhatzit to scarf down. If you've been wondering what all the hoopla is regarding a possible dam at the Barrens, this is your chance to witness a rich piece of habitat and learn why it's so unique in Cache Valley. This is a great trip for

birders of all skills to see shorebirds up close. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East, Logan). Carpooling will be available. Call Ron Ryel for more information, 753-6077, for more information.

Saturday, May 8. International Migratory Bird Day. We'll celebrate IMBD by searching for Neotropical migrants in both the valley and Logan Canyon. Details are still being worked out, but it's a sure bet we'll see - and hear - some interesting birds. We'll cover a lot of habitats and help each other learn visual as well as auditory identification skills. For more information, contact Keith Archibald, 752-8258.

Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16. Annual Bear River Canoe Trips. They're back again! Two one-day trips down our own Bear River to explore the wildlife and riparian habitats. We're sure to see some good warblers and the occasional beaver and muskrat. One year we even had an elk swim the river just in front of us! Ponder the Great Blue Heron rookery which went from 100 nests in 1986 to ZERO in 1997 and now back to over 40! There may even be owls on nests. Reservations required and numbers limited; rental canoes at USU Outdoor Recreation or Trailhead Sports. Call Tim Vitale, 753-3814, to register for Saturday, or Don McIvor, 563-6189, to register for Sunday.

Saturday, May 22. Logan Canyon Ecology. Learn how plants and animals interweave their lives to form the ecology of Logan Canyon and why we work so hard to preserve this environment. Jack Greene, naturalist, teacher and wilderness ranger, will lead us in a trip of exploration. No long hikes but we'll do some walking. Bring water, lunch, and meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East, Logan). Return by mid-afternoon. Carpooling will be available. Call Jack, 563-6816, for more information.

Coming Outings - Watch for details:

June 5 - Cookable, edible plants, Kayo Robertson

June 12 - Tony Grove Woodpeckers and Hummingbirds

June - Cutler Marsh Canoe Trip

July - Herbs to know and love

July - How does a forest work? A field trip to explore forest ecology, Fred Baker.

August - Wildflowers in the Bear River Range, Jack Greene

August - Birds and mushrooms near Naomi Peak

August - Back to the Barrens

Bird Seed

Bird seed is still available. Get it at Sunrise Cyclery, 138 North 100 East, Logan, where 50 pound bags sell for \$16. Too heavy to lift or don't have the means to pick it up? No problem. Call 563-6816 to make arrangements for free delivery!

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similar experiences. Don Paul will be presenting to Great Salt Lake and Wasatch Audubon Society General Meetings in the near future. At the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival on May 8 a presentation regarding the linking workshops will be made.

For those of you wanting to travel to the various sites, check out the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation website at www.wetland.sk.ca. There will be an effort to have an exploratory eco-tourism natural history tour in Nayarit, Mexico next January. Also, Mark Stackhouse with Westwings, Inc. is planning on sponsoring a birding tour to San Blas in January 2000. Mark's phone number is 801-487-9453. (Note: Westwings sponsored a successful birding tour in January 1999 to San Blas.)

The attempts to link the three sites are hopefully just beginning. In May 2000 we are working to have representatives from Mexico and Canada meet at the Great Salt Lake. Also, there are specific ways that the local Audubon Societies could support the linking efforts, for example, by providing educational materials, particularly to the schools in Mexico.

Please feel free to call me at 355-8110 with any questions about the sites in Canada or Mexico, or to talk about the linking project.

Wayne Martinson
Utah Wetlands Coordinator,
National Audubon Society

Dr. James MacMahon to Speak at Banquet April 6!

Dr. James MacMahon will be the speaker at the Annual Banquet set for Tuesday, April 6 at the Coppermill Restaurant. His topic is "Global Change-Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." In addition to fellowship, awards, and elections for new trustees, there will be a silent auction (Oh, no! Not another one!!). Music will be performed by the Nelson Trio (Eric, Maggie and Paul Nelson). Tickets are \$15 and available at Sunrise Cyclery, Straw Ibis, The Old Depot (new antique store in Richmond), and Trailhead Sports. If you'd like to help out with some of the last minute details, call Teri Peery, 753-3249.

Election for BAS Trustees

The Board of Trustees recently nominated the persons listed on the ballot in the next column for trustees. The Bylaws of Bridgerland Audubon Society stipulate a maximum of four new trustees to be elected each year and they serve for a three-year term. (The Board may also appoint new trustees to fill open positions when trustees resign mid-term.) Only members of BAS may

vote and each membership is entitled to one vote. To cast your ballot, cut out the form below and mail to: BAS, P.O. Box 3501, Logan, UT 84323-3501. You may also vote at the Annual Banquet, Tuesday, April 6. All ballots must be received by Friday, April 9.

1999 BAS Ballot
Board of Trustees (three-year term)

Vote for four each.

☐ Allen Christensen

☐ Doug Tempel

☐ Richard Hurren

☐ C. Val Grant

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Clip and mail to:
BAS Elections, P.O. Box 3501, Logan, UT
84323-3501
Must be received by April 9, 1999.

Yahoo!!! Come to the Very First Great Salt Lake Bird Festival!!!!

The Great Salt Lake Bird Festival will be May 7, 8 and 9. The birding festival includes seminars, field trips, food, birding materials, birding equipment, music and other entertainment.

Most activities for the festival will take place at or start from the Davis County Fair Park at 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, Utah. Hosts for the festival include Great Salt Lake and Wasatch Audubon Societies. For a registration packet including activity schedule, fees, maps and lodging information contact Davis County Tourism, P.O. Box 618, Farmington, UT 84025. Phone number is 801-451-3286, e-mail is tour@co.davis.ut.us.

Planning For the Future of the Greater Great Salt Lake Ecosystem

There are two major planning activities occurring for the Great Salt Lake and the Greater Great Salt Lake Ecosystem. Citizen involvement in both of these efforts is very important.

First, the Department of Natural Resources plans to have a draft Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan out for a public comment period from April 15 through June 1. The schedule for final adoption of this comprehensive management plan is August 1. This has been a major effort by the

department and should be taken very seriously. Look for announcements about the draft plan, or feel free to call Wayne Martinson at 355-8110 for an update.

Second, the Northern Utah Wetlands Partnership is developing a Greater Great Salt Lake Ecosystem education master plan. The Utah State University Wetlands Education Team has the major responsibility for putting together this master plan. Funding is coming primarily from the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The many partners in this effort include Audubon. Open houses introducing the planning process and identifying opportunities for citizen input have taken place in Logan and Orem and will also occur in Salt Lake City on March 31 and Ogden on April 7. The final master plan will be distributed May 2000. For additional information and the opportunity to participate check out the web site at www.utahwetlands.org.

— Wayne Martinson
Utah Wetlands Coordinator,
National Audubon Society

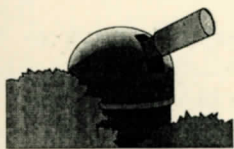
Checklist Challenge - How many species of birds can you identify before the year 2000?

Find out if you've got what it takes to be certifiably "list crazy." The BAS Board of Trustees has issued a Checklist Challenge. Keep a list of the bird species you identify in Cache County, beginning January 1, 1999. Here are the rules (adapted from the Big Day Rules of the American Birding Association):

- 1) Keep a list of species of birds identified beginning January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.
- 2) Counting
 - a) Count only full species as indicated by the current published checklists for northern Utah.
 - b) Birds must be conclusively identified by sight or sound. Use common sense; if in doubt about the bird's identity, don't count it. Identification may be confirmed after the original observation if that identification is based solely on field notes made while the bird was living and unrestrained. A bird identified to one of a species group (i.e. scaup, small alcid, Western/Semipalmated Sandpiper, Common/Arctic Tern) may be counted as a species if no other in that group is counted.
 - c) An introduced species may be counted if its status in the Count area meets the criteria for the local checklist.
 - d) Birds counted must be alive, wild, and unrestrained. Birds attracted to tape-recorders or feeders may be counted. Injured birds may be counted if wild and unrestrained. Eggs do not count as birds.

- 3) Area - Cache County, Utah
- 4) Report Form
 - a) At the end of the year, participants must submit to the Count Committee their lists in any reasonable format.
 - b) Lists must be in approximately taxonomic order as described by the American Ornithologists Union, or as listed in standard field guide, such as the *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, 2nd Edition, published by the National Geographic Society.
 - c) The Count Committee shall have final acceptance of any submitted list.
- 5) Ethics - Each participant should strive to maintain proper birding ethics at all times (See Code of Birding Ethics from the American Birding Association).

Recognition awards will be awarded at the Year 2000 BAS Banquet to those birders who identify: 100 species, 150 species, and 200 species.



1999 Adult Environmental Education Courses

We're testing the water. If you're interested in taking short courses in:

- Astronomy
- Field Ornithology II (songbirds and raptors)
- Mountain Meadow Ecology
- Geology

Then, make those wishes known. Peter Ruben is canvassing our members and summertime guests to see if there's enough interest in any or all of these to offer short courses this summer. Courses would be approximately 24 hours long, involve some field work, and cost approximately \$25 per person. We'll be accepting statements of interest until the banquet on April 6. We've already got some interest from potential instructors and if there is enough interest we'll offer the first sessions this summer. If we don't get enough interest, we'll drop the idea for awhile. Call Peter at 797-2490 (pruben@cc.usu.edu) to indicate your interest in one or more of the courses above.

Army Corps of Engineers Needs Our Help – Become a “Wetland Watcher”

At a recent meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers, a small group of BAS members learned the importance of being citizen watchdogs in preventing unauthorized filling and draining of wetlands. The federal Clean Water Act gave the ACE authority to regulate changes

to wetlands and adopted a “no net loss” policy. Some threats to wetlands are public and visible, such as the Governor's Legacy Highway project, but many threats are insidious because they take place on smaller wetlands, on private land, and are done before anyone else finds out. Gradually, these losses add up and we all pay the price in reduced water quality and groundwater recharge, and increased flood potential. Mother Nature pays the price of lost habitat as creatures and plants are either destroyed or forced to find new homes. Wetlands affect systems beyond the boundaries of private property, so wetlands cease to be strictly private - the public now has an interest in these wetlands. And the public has a right, *and a duty*, to protect them.

At the next Conservation Committee meeting Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Logan Library, we will kick off our new Wetlands Watcher program. We'll divide the county into sectors and ask individuals to keep an eye on “their” sector to monitor developments that threaten wetlands. When we see something, we'll contact the ACE to find out if the project has been through the necessary steps to justify the loss of wetlands. Perhaps some of the damage to wetlands isn't intentional - though it seems hard to believe that landowners don't know about wetlands - but some are still probably ignorant. If the ACE finds that the development constitutes a violation of the wetlands protection statutes, they'll take it from there to contact the landowner and seek restoration or mitigation.

This is one effort that will take time to hone, but once we do, we'll become a powerful force to protect our vulnerable wetlands. Come to the April 15 meeting to see what you can do. For more information, contact Bruce Pendery, 792-4150.



Wetlands Maze

Well, we got the grant from PacifiCorp for our environmental education project. Now what?

I'll tell you what! We get to set aside part of the Cutler Marsh for low- or non-motorized access and develop new and fun ways to tell the public why the marsh is important for water quality and wildlife habitat. We get to publish all this on signs and a series of WWW pages to be hosted on the Pacificorp website describing the wildlife and plant life of the Cutler Marsh, and maybe even offer sound bites of the birds! And we've got \$3,250 to do it with.

To pull this off, we need:

- Someone to write a short history of Cutler Marsh
- Someone to photograph the marsh and its inhabitants
- Someone (or sometwo) to design signs and

descriptions to inform users about the wildlife and the value of wetlands

- Someone to draw maps of the marshes and trails
- Someone to help create WWW site for information and maps.

If this strikes a chord with you, call Bryan, 752-6830. We'll be organizing a planning meeting soon to hash out the details.

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

BAS is governed by a Board of Trustees that meets once a month (see Calendar). All BAS members are invited, of course.

Outings – Our new Outings Chair has clearly gone nuts. We've got new outings planned out into August! See the schedule for yourself. Almost all of these outings are open to everyone, and most are suitable for families. If you've got an outing you'd like to lead or have led, contact Keith Archibald, 752-8258.

Environmental Education – If you're interested in adult classes on environmental topics make sure you let Peter Ruben know - and soon. We've got to decide which courses - if any - to offer first.

The Stokes Nature Center has agreed to administer the Environmental Education Grants program this year. If you're a public or private school teacher and need a few "C" notes for a special environmental education project, you should contact the SNC to get the details on how to submit a proposal. You can reach them at 755-3239, or contact jlevy@logannature.org.

Conservation – With spring and the emergence of new life come a renewed commitment to environmental conservation. There are a host of issues from timber sales on the highest ridges of the forests to protecting wetlands in the lowest lowlands. BAS is involved in several new projects, most of which are described elsewhere in this issue. As we confront these issues, we have to keep in mind that there are many ways of looking at things. We can attack concepts and actions, but we have to be careful not to attack people. We will win more surely if we win on the strength of our ideas.

The USFS has issued a decision to pursue Alternative 3 in the Bear Hodges Analysis document. This means timber will be removed on and around the T.W. Daniels Forest on the ridge south of the Logan Canyon Summit. Specifically, the USFS will clear-cut a 600 acre patch of lodgepole pine in Slideout Drainage and a series of small patch removals and thinning in over 1000 acres of spruce-fir forest. There are differences of opinion (of course) about the need for and expected results of these actions, but a lot of work and thought has gone into the proposal and the debate. BAS has decided not to appeal the decision, but we intend to monitor it as closely as we can. We have expressed our particular concern for the control of grazing and ORV impacts associated with new openings in the forest.

The USFS has very few resources available for enforcement, so we worry that the lands will be exposed to unnecessary resultant damage. Sometime this summer, faculty at USU will be offering a field trip to examine first hand the forest involved and discuss the project in greater detail.

Not all conservation is like fighting a battle, however. Dick Hurren is moving ahead with building and placing nesting boxes for owls, Wood Ducks, and Bluebirds. He has already installed over a dozen nesting boxes and we're anxiously awaiting word of new inhabitants!

Wetlands continue to hold a special place for anyone interested in natural systems. Here in Cache Valley, where rainfall averages less than 20" per year, wetlands are especially precious. We're initiating a monitoring program (Wetland Watcher) as well as an education program (Wetlands Maze) this year to protect wetlands from multiple angles. In the meantime, we're keeping our eye on the state Division of Water Resources as they keep their eye on the Barrens.

Other Notes – I'm afraid we screwed up the elections for Trustees last year (my fault). The listing on the back of this issue of the *Stilt* should now be correct and we'll make a stronger effort to keep it straight in the future. Your Trustees put in extra hours to develop and monitor a variety of programs for the membership and they're an essential part of BAS. Be sure to vote either by mail or at the ballot box at the banquet, and let them know what you want BAS to be.

And as the weather warms up, make sure you get away from that computer and get outside as much as you can! Ma Nature is begging for company!

— Bryan Dixon, President

New Members

Chiu Yen Po
Ruth Eller
Evelyn H Gnehm

Renewing Members

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Fred Baker
Diane Baum
Gordon Bosworth
Eric R Cannon
Carolee Hammel
Lyle Henderson
Joyce Kinkead & David Lancy
David Klagge
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Richard Ratliff
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Stokes Nature Center

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Position Announcement

Full-Time Lead Naturalist to work with school Program Director to develop, promote, and teach hands-on, environmental education programs to schools from Cache Valley. Develop, promote, and teach programs to families and adults on weekends. Work with school Program Director to coordinate summer youth program including hiring and training contract staff, and development, promotion, and teaching of summer program. Assist with and coordinate special events throughout the year. Recruit and train volunteers and interns and design program flyers and brochures. Create and maintain Nature Center exhibits. Assist in grant and proposal writing to solicit outreach, education, and maintenance resources. Assist caretakers and Nature Center staff in general maintenance of building and grounds.

For a more detailed description contact the Stokes Nature Center at 755-3239.

Upcoming Saturday Programs

Saturday, April 24, Animal Feet. Did you know birds have a wide variety of adaptations that make them better suited for their specific environment? We'll look at several types of beaks, feet, legs, coloration and wings, and even play a game to prove it.

Saturday, May 22, Signs Along the River. Spring is finally here! Let's explore the nature center trail and look for insects, snow run-off, new growth, and baby animals.

Cost: \$3 per child per program (non-members), \$2 per child (members).



Programs will include an outdoor component and the canyon is often cooler than the valley. **Please remember to dress for all weather conditions**

Audubon WatchList Program

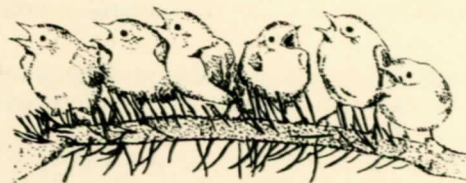
As you know, dozens of bird species are endangered as a result of alarming population declines caused by human-induced factors like habitat destruction, pesticides and invasion by non-native species. Saving species pushed to the edge of extinction is difficult, costly and politically charged. Thus, citizens and conservationists require an early warning system that focuses attention on species at-risk before they become endangered—a system that shifts the agenda from reactive, last-minute rescue attempts to preventive action.

Audubon's WatchList program is a positive, non-regulatory solution with a clearly defined goal—keep birds common while they're still common. The WatchList leads the conservation community from rearguard responses to a strategy that puts citizens in the vanguard, actively setting the agenda for protecting the birds they care about. Since Audubon's leadership with the WatchList began in 1996, your advice and participation on all fronts, from scientific 'ground-truthing' to grassroots activism, has been the key to Audubon's WatchList conservation successes—for this we thank you!

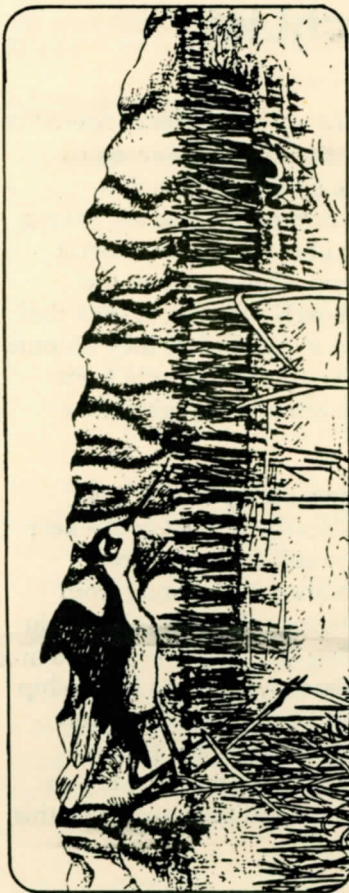
This spring, for the first time, Audubon will lead the WatchList agenda with newly released 'State WatchLists'. Given the greatest conservation victories today take place locally, we are adapting the WatchList's concept of keeping common birds common to address local concerns.

A visit to the WatchList web site <http://www.audubon.org/bird.watch/>, will tell you all you need to know about what's new with the WatchList. The WatchList was also covered in the recent issue of the *Chapter Networker*, and "Audubon In Action" in the March/April issue of *Audubon* magazine. Please feel free to contact Matthew McKown of Audubon Science with questions or suggestions, by phone 212/979-3182 or e-mail mmckown@audubon.org.

Vincent Muehter
Associate Director of Bird Conservation



E-mail service provided by XMission. Use the following addresses to contact your BAS leadership:
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audubon@xmission.com – for anything else



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The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the second Thursday of each month, September through June, in the Meeting Room of the Logan City Building, 255 N. Main. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. The BAS Planning Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through June. 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.

President	Bryan Dixon, 752-6830
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Trustees

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1997-2000	Mae Coover, 752-8871; Glen Gantz, 258-2748; Teri Peery, 753-3249; Robert Schmidt, 755-9262
1998-2001	Jack Greene, 563-6816; Ron Hellstern, 753-8750; Merr Lundahl, 753-1707; Lois Olson, 752-9085

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.

National Audubon Society Chapter Membership Application

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