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Utah Native Plant Society *Renaissance*

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The Utah Native Plant Society was founded in 1980 with the mission of promoting the understanding, preservation, enjoyment, and responsible use of Utah native plants. The founders included Dick Hildreth of Red Butte Garden (now moved on to Tucson, alas) and Duane Atwood, now of BYU. Our goal is to foster public recognition of the spectacularly diverse flora of the state.

UNPS has been through a number of phases with different emphases, but until recently we were unable to increase our membership beyond a couple of hundred people. About four years ago, a grassroots consciousness-raising session called the Utah

Native Plant Forum was held. One goal was to identify projects that would increase our visibility and effectiveness. Native plant xeriscape demonstration gardens emerged as a high priority. UNPS responded by initiating the Utah Heritage Garden Program a year later. The first heritage garden was planted at Wasatch Elementary School in Provo in May 1998. There are now ten gardens in the program, with several more in the planning stages

Our logic in placing more emphasis on the horticultural aspects of native plants is that we will reach more mainstream Utahns if we appeal to their love of gardening, a value well-established in this culture. As part of this emphasis, we began offering native plant propagation workshops in February 1999.

That year we offered sessions

in Salt Lake and Provo, and served some sixty participants. This year the propagation workshops were offered in Salt Lake, Provo, Logan and Springdale, and almost two hundred people took part. These people in turn have taken the lead in the planting and maintenance of new heritage gardens, as well as providing hundreds of plants each year for new and established gardens

For the first seventeen years, Salt Lake and Cache Valley had the only UNPS chapters, and only the Salt Lake chapter remained active. Soon after the Forum, the Utah Valley Chapter was chartered—the current president is Phil Allen. With the advent of our new website (<http://www.unps.org>) about a year ago, our visibility suddenly increased, and new chapters began to spring up in other parts of the state. The Mountain Chapter (Park City - Heber) was chartered under the leadership of Abby Moore. The Cache Valley Chapter has been revitalized under the tutelage of Tami Coleman, while

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Mike Empey, who is also the mayor of Leeds, has taken the helm of the new Southern Utah Chapter. The Price Chapter, under the leadership of Mike Hubbard, has initiated the most ambitious heritage garden project to date, at 6700 square feet. Planted a year ago, this garden is looking very good. Other chapters are in the formative stages in central Utah (Richfield-Fillmore-Capitol Reef), in the Uinta Basin, and in Moab. In the process, our membership has approximately doubled, and continues to rise rapidly.

Another project sponsored by UNPS in cooperation with the City of Provo, Uinta National Forest, the US Forest Service Shrub Sciences Laboratory, and BYU Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, is the Rock Canyon Restoration Project. This canyon is located immediately east of the BYU campus and is much beloved of students and townspeople. After the construction of a formal trailhead a few years ago, we began the process of restoring the now-protected canyon mouth that had been so hammered by off-road vehicle traffic and other abuses. To date we have planted almost 20,000 seedlings of native shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers, with the help of student and citizen volunteers who have spent literally thousands of hours on weed control, clean up, planting, trail maintenance, and other chores.

We also have an active involvement with public education. As a service to the children of Utah, UNPS member Bitsy Schultz has prepared a *Utah Native Plant Coloring Book* (used to illustrate this article). It includes beautiful line drawings of eighteen common Utah natives, along with a short, easy-to-understand paragraph about each plant. This coloring book can be downloaded from our website and copied free of charge.

UNPS is also active in the conservation arena. Last November we hosted a Utah Rare Plant Conservation Workshop where researchers and managers involved with rare plant issues could network and share the latest information. The Southern Utah Chapter is currently getting involved with monitoring of the threatened Dwarf Bearclaw Poppy in the St. George area, in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy.

Field trips, lectures, and workshops are also regularly offered at the chapter level, for both members and nonmembers. We invite you to get involved—see our website for a current listing of chapter activities and more complete descriptions of UNPS programs. We also publish a newsletter, the *Sego Lily*, six times a year.

- Susan Meyer
Chair, UNPS Board of Directors

Illustrations from the Utah Native Plant Coloring Book,
by Bitsy Schultz



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UNPS Cache Valley Activities

Call 258-0303 or visit our website at <http://www.unps.org> for more information.

Utah Native Plant Society - Cache Chapter Meeting. Wednesday, May 9th, 6 pm in BNR 314 on the USU Campus. Featured presentation at 7 pm. Wendy Mee: Landscaping with Native Plants. Ms. Mee is a graduate student in USU's award-winning Landscape Architecture Department and a co-author of a forthcoming book on landscaping with natives from USU Press. She'll show slides of and present great ideas on how you can best incorporate native plants of the Intermountain West into your home landscape.

Evening Wildflower Walk. Thursday, May 10. Join the Cache Chapter of the Utah Native Plant Society for a leisurely stroll along the foothills near Green Canyon in North Logan with Dr. Richard Shaw, retired USU Herbarium Director. This is one of Dr. Shaw's favorite areas, and you can expect to see many wildflower species. Meet at 6:15 pm near the mouth of Green Canyon where the road curves.

Spring Wildflower and *Primula maguirei* Fieldtrip. Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. Join Cache Valley Utah Native Plant Society members to visit a local endangered wildflower, the Maguire Primrose. Local botanists will identify the many plants you'll encounter on our hike of lower Logan Canyon. Bring water, a bag lunch and dress appropriately since we plan to walk up steep hills and to battle thick undergrowth. Meet at First Dam in Logan for carpooling and for our first look at local wildflowers.

Utah Sources for Native Plants and Seeds

Wildland Nursery (plants), 550 N. Hwy 89, Joseph UT 84739 (Janett Warner, <http://www.wildlandnursery.com/>; 435/527-1234)

Great Basin Natives (plants), Holden UT (Merrill/Robert Johnson, <http://www.grownative.com>*; 435/795-2303)

High Desert Gardens (plants), 2971 S. Hwy 191, P.O. Box 1419, Moab, UT 84523 (Janis Adkins, 435/259-4531).

Utah Wildflowers (seeds), Virginia Markham, 3650 West 2150 South, SLC UT 84120, (801/277-8423)

Paul Ames (seeds), P.O. Box 355, Eureka UT 84628. (435/433-6924)

Several of these vendors will be joining UNPS for the **Celebrating Wildflowers Native Plant Fair and Sale**, May 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., outside the REI store at 33rd South and 33rd East in Salt Lake City. Come and mingle with other native plant aficionados and take home something beautiful for your yard, complete with some good advice on how to get it to grow.

*not working at the time of printing

Mormon Tea

Audubon Calendar

Saturday, May 5. Annual Bear River Canoe Trip. A day-long trip (about 8-3) down the Bear River to explore the wildlife and riparian habitats between Trenton and Amalga. 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! We'll float by a Great Blue Heron rookery and maybe see some owls on the nest. Rental canoes are available at USU Outdoor Recreation, Trailhead Sports, and Muddy Road Outfitters. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call Keith or Joan, 435-723-6862.

Thursday, May 10. General meeting. Barbara Schneider, with the Northern Utah Animal Rehabilitation Center will be the featured speaker at the BAS meeting on May 10th. The title of her presentation is "Sky and Forest Friends." Barbara will discuss NUARC's efforts toward rehabilitating animals that they receive and she will be bringing a collection of animals from the Rehabilitation Center to share with the audience. A great meeting to bring the kids. Logan City Building meeting room, 255 North Main, 7 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, May 17-20. Yellowstone Wildlife Trip. Join Alan and Gail Christensen on this great outing to see the wolves, bears, elk, bison, and other exciting critters of America's first National Park. Alan and Gail have an uncanny ability for locating the charismatic megafauna, so you may not want to camp too close to them. But they do make great guides, and so far they've returned from every trip. The group will drive up to the Lamar Valley area on Thursday; camping may be possible, motel rooms are another option for those who prefer. The wildlife watching begins Friday and continues through the weekend. To make arrangements and find out about trip logistics, call Alan at 258-5018 or email algail@uswest.net

Saturday, May 26. Eocene Fossil Expedition. If you attended Paul Jamison's talk at our general meeting earlier this year then you'll remember what an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher he is. We've talked Paul into leading us on a fossil hunting trip to BLM lands east of Opal, about a half hour beyond Kemmerer, WY. 50 million years ago this now-arid spot was a braided river rich with wildlife. Now fossils in this badlands setting are mostly vertebrates, including turtles, crocodiles, and various species of mammals. This is NOT a collecting trip—in fact, collecting is strictly forbidden. However, it is a great chance to learn some paleoecology and see some incredible fossils as they come to light for the first time in 50 million years. Moderate hiking required, bring lunch and water. Meet 7:45 a.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis, 55 East 150 North, Logan. For information call Paul at 752-4335.

Wednesday, May 30. Evening Canoe Trip on the Bear River. Spend an early summer evening paddling a short section of the Bear River as it winds its way to the Cutler Marsh. We'll put in at the Benson Bridge and take a leisurely paddle to the Benson Marina. This trip is flat water and suitable for all paddle craft. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis at 55 East 150 North, Logan, or join us at the Benson Bridge at 6 p.m. Bring binoculars, your own boat, and personal flotation devices. We'll plan on returning by 9 p.m. For more information, call Bryan at 752-6830.

More community events are listed on the Green Calendar, available at:
<http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.com/greencalendar>.

Meeting organizer: Bill Masslich, 753-1759, bmasslich@pcu.net
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Allen W. Stokes Conservation Award

Mike Jablonski

Picture this. You have moved into a lovely rural spot with views of the Wellsvilles and your own willow-lined creek. The first night in your new home you discover to your dismay that your neighbor has erected enough all night security lights to illuminate the whiskers on every mouse in your yard. Many people have suffered this disappointment, but one Cache Valley resident has taken action.

This year's recipient of the Allen Stokes Conservation award is River Heights resident and current city councilperson, Mike Jablonski.

Mike is a long time promoter of reasonable policy when it comes to natural resources. Once he gets an issue in his sights, he doesn't give up until the change is made. You long term residents of Cache Valley know that this takes a powerful conviction and tremendous patience.

This year Mike shepherded an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance through the River Heights City council. It was finally adopted a few weeks ago. The ordinance spells out a reasonable approach to night lighting that eliminates energy waste and greatly increases the

Mike has been active in many other community based projects, including the protection of a creek riparian corridor in River Heights and (how can we forget it?) the fight against the Water Conservancy District ten years ago.

River Heights Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

likelihood that his town will see stars, comets, and the rare Aurora Borealis for years to come.

The ordinance establishes requirements for shielding street lights so that the light does not fall on bedroom windows, eliminates those awful mercury vapor lamps, requires business to turn off their lights at night, and outlines many other reasonable requirements. A bonus for the homeowners and city will be reduced electricity costs.

Mike invites you to learn more about the International Dark Sky Association by visiting their web page at <http://darksky.org>

Hats off to Mike, we need many more citizens like you!!

—Alice Lindahl



One of the biggest problems Mike had in convincing the Planning and Zoning group as well as his fellow council persons was that they wanted to hear about OTHER Cache Valley communities that had done this. Obviously, no other community has had the progressive spirit that Mike was pushing, and he had to convince River Heights to lead the way.

Carl M. Johnson Education Award Jen Levy

Bridgerland Audubon Society is very pleased to present this year's education award to the executive director of the Stokes Nature Center, Jen Levy. There are few people in this community more deserving of our appreciation.

nature center one of the best young programs in the country.

Last year the center reached 2,000 children and teachers with hands-on, out-under-the-sky nature education. Jen has played

levels of understanding and different perspectives, and she always finds an approach that unites and inspires people toward a common mission. The nature center has profited greatly from Jen's talents and vision.

Stokes Nature Center

Jen has always had a love for the natural world. She studied wildlife science in Maine. As a student she worked with groups to actively protect wetlands birds. After graduating she worked as a naturalist in Colorado where she helped rehabilitate raptors and tried to keep away from the rattlesnakes and scorpions. She did naturalist stints in Idaho and Florida, where she loved the birds but hated the scorpions. She eventually ended up in Logan, where she obtained a Masters in Recreation Resources and Environmental Education. She worked as an education specialist at Hardware Ranch, and completed a one-year professional residency at the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming, at Alan Stokes recommendation.

Jen was hired as the first employee at the newly created Stokes Nature Center, and has been with the nature center since, serving as executive director since 1998. Jen's strong work ethic, her spirited enthusiasm, and her professional expertise have resulted in phenomenal growth and activity, and have made this

an important role, not only in educating children, but in mentoring the next generation of volunteer naturalists and nature educators. Last year Jen helped mentor and inspire 128 volunteers, including 25 naturalists.

Jen's superb organizational skills led to the amazing success of last fall's nature center auction. Jen managed hundreds of details for the event, and under her leadership the auction netted over \$25,000.

Jen's friendly, welcoming manner makes the Stokes Nature Center a place where visitors feel comfortable, and her easy rapport with the public has led to increased visibility and support for the program. Jen works every day with intelligent, experienced people who have different

And I think all those presentations she's given about nature appreciation have found their mark. Jen herself has learned to love all of nature, including the scorpion she keeps at the nature center, and the rattlesnakes outside the door.

- Nadene Steinhoff



Allen W. Stokes Conservation Award

Roger Sunada

Roger Sunada was the solid waste manager for Logan up until his death last December from bone marrow cancer. He is fondly remembered for many public service activities in which he was involved. We are indebted to him for his excellent management of solid wastes for the city, and convincing the slow bureaucratic machinery to invest in recycling and mulching of green waste. Here is an

was also responsible for the creation of the construction and demolition landfill, and for expanding the compost and green waste landfill. Further accomplishments included leading the department into the computer age by tracking and managing refuse electronically. Hansen said his system was "second to none." Sunada also acquired \$1.3 million in federal funds for leachate manage-

ment at the landfill.

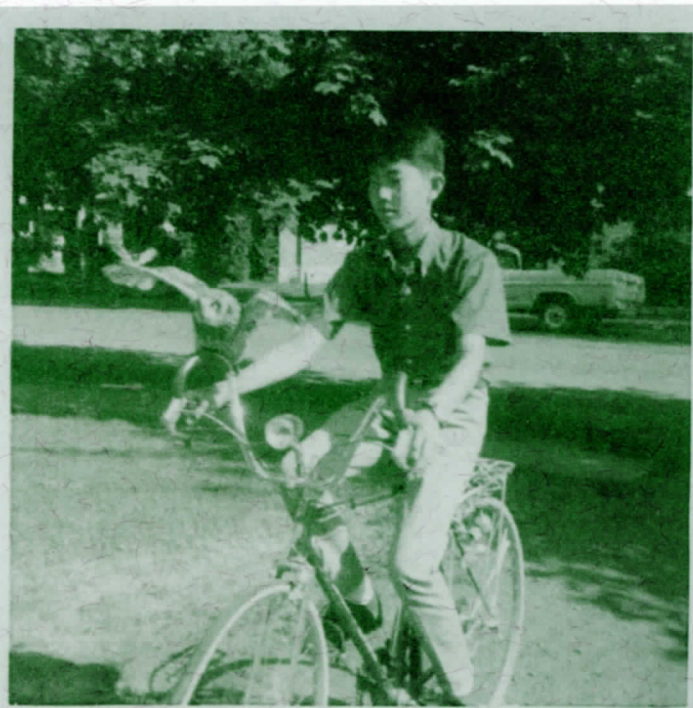
I worked with Roger for many years and am well aware of his outstanding efforts and what he achieved against all odds in a very conservative community with a less than sympathetic City Council. As a result, we are at the forefront in Utah and the intermountain west. He also worked with my students here in the school and the community on establishing various recycling education projects and programs.

- Jack Greene

Recycling in Logan

excerpt from the *Herald Journal* article on his work for the city:

Sunada was hired by the city in June 1994. Under his direction, Logan was recognized by the Recycling Coalition of Utah and Utah Department of Environmental Quality for developing one of the top recycling programs in the state. He was also instrumental in creating a five-year solid waste reduction program. According to Issa Hamud, acting director of the Environmental Health Department, the program was intended to reduce the county's landfill waste by 25 percent. Within two years, the city had diverted 24 percent. Hamud attributed the city's success to Sunada's foresight and managerial expertise. Sunada



A young Roger Sunada with his pet owl, Fred. Being untethered, Fred later flew off to freedom.

Bridgerland Audubon Award History

Questionmarks mean that we don't know who received the award that year. If you have information about these years, please contact the *Stilt* editor at stiltnews@hotmail.com

Year Allen W. Stokes Conservation Award

2001	Mike Jablonski, River Heights Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
2000	Roger Sunada, recycling & waste management Utah Power (Eve Davies), Remediation work at Cutler Reservoir
1999	Nadene and Gordon Steinhoff, Environmental Activists
1998	Shawn Swaner, Environmental Activist
1997	Mae and Merv Coover, Environmental Activists
1996	Margaret Pettis and Dick Carter, Environmental Activists
1995	Citizens for the Protection of Logan Canyon
1994	Ellen Cantrel, curbside recycling program
1993	Jay Bagley, Bear River conservation
1992	No banquet
1991	Cache Recycling Coalition, Susan Crook, Nancy Fox, Bob Bayn
1990	Steve Flint, Environmental Activist
1989	Betty Boeker, Chemistry Professor, Audubon Treasurer and Boat Builder; Bruce Allsop, Mountain Fiber Co., cellulose insulation
1988	Neff Hardman, Mendon farmer
1987	Alice Lindahl, Environmental Activist
1986	Ken Sizemore, Cache County Planner
1985	Jack Spence, Environmental Activist
1984	Thomas Lyon, English Professor, Environmental Activist (Logan Canyon)
1983	Design West Architecture, Conservation-minded Building Design
1982	Joseph and Inez Berger, Hardware Ranch Managers
1981	Gary Smith, Writer and Environmentalist
1980	Douglas Eames, Willow Park Zoo Manager
1979	Ann and David Schimpf, Published <i>Cache Trails</i> and other valley publications
1978	Duane Cox, Beekeeper and Environmentalist
1977	None
1976	Allen W. Stokes, Wildlife Professor and Environmentalist

Year Carl M. Johnson Education Award

2001	Jen Levy, Director of Stokes Nature Center
2000	Michael Allred, Division of Water Quality, worked with school groups on Little Bear
1999	Ron and Wendy Hellstern, Educators with the environment at heart
1998	Gordon and Bobbie Bosworth, Local Educators
1997	Glen Gantz, Directed Construction of the Stokes Nature Center
1996	Sandra Schimmelpfennig, Steward Nature Park
1995	Sharon Ohlhorst, Teaching the Teachers
1994	Steve Archibald, Education efforts in Cache Valley schools and later at Teton Science School
1993	Kayo Robertson, Local Educator
1992	No banquet
1991	Jack Greene, Local Educator and Environmentalist

Other Education Awards:

1987	Arthur Holmgren
1986	Jack Noh
1985	Chandler St. John
1984	Sam Taylor
1983	Gary Smith, Writer and Environmentalist
1982	None
1981	Sam Skaggs
1980	Scott Matheson, Governor of Utah
1979	Genevieve Atwood
1978	William F. Sigler
1977	None
1976	None
1975	J. Whitney Floyd

Curlew National Grasslands Trip

Early morning April 7th:

Hrumpf!! It's 5:13 am. In two minutes my alarms go off. Oh well, might as well get up. Get the heat under the water started - Reinhardt likes his morning coffee. I do too!! Touch the tent - it is DRY!! We have lucked out. We might have a dry morning for observing the sage and sharptails on their leks. Stove is on, water is getting hot. 5:18 - What's that sound? Rain on the tent? Can't be!! But it gets harder. Rain is a factor. Well maybe it isn't raining on the leks.

All are awakened, grouching is not really heard, even from those who spent a cold night, and all are ready to pursue the elusive grouse. There are only seven of us. The organizers and ranger are Reinhardt Jockel, LeRoy Beasley and Ken Timothy, respectively. The rest of us are Jim Watson, Jim Kingsland, Georgen Gilliam, and Evan Hillman. The last four have never been on this trip before.

After nearly half an hour we arrive at the sharptail lek. It is snowing hard. Just a lone sage grouse all hunkered down. Quite out of place on the sharptail lek. We wait. Half an hour goes by. Should we leave and try to find the sage grouse on their lek?? Well, maybe in 5 minutes, there are a few sharptails a ways out. Then all the sharpies explode, a female

has arrived on the lek. The males strut their stuff; we watch. There are about a dozen males only a few feet from the vehicles. In another 5 minutes we leave in hopes of finding the wily sage grouse on their lek.

Unfortunately we have left our luck back with the sharptails. We try another sage grouse lek. Still no luck. We return with only half a score, but considering the forecast, we lucked out. The sharpies were great!! In our morning excursion we also see a dozen long billed curlews and a great blue heron rookery with a dozen nests and about ten birds on them.

The night before, we had a communal stew (some call it soup) and we all sat around a fire and talked to Ken Timothy, the grasslands ranger. He told us about the use of the grasslands, the effect of the grazing and the concern that the farmers in the area have for the health of the environment. Ken has been at the Curlew National Grasslands for over twenty years and knows all the ins and outs of the ecosystem there. He graduated from Weber State and then did graduate work at Utah State with Allen Stokes. We appreciate all the time that he has given Bridgerland Audubon Society. Thank you, Ken.

The next morning, after the excursion, some of us left early as the weather was not conducive of more exploration, but Reinhardt and Jim kept up the hunt for species in the area.

Species seen or heard this year Stone Reservoir where we camped, a few miles inside of the Idaho border north of Snowville, Utah:

Common Loon*, Killdeer*, Pied-Billed Grebe, American White Pelican*, Double Crested Cormorant*, Great Blue Heron*, Canada Goose*, Mallard*, Redhead*, Red-Breasted Merganser*, Northern Harrier, Red-Tailed Hawk, Ring-Necked Pheasant*, Sage Grouse, Sharp-Tailed Grouse, American Coot*, Long-Billed Curlew, Common Snipe (heard)*, Great-Horned Owl (heard)*, Short-Eared Owl, Northern Flicker*, Black-Billed Magpie*, American Crow, Raven, American Robin*, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow*, White-Crowned Sparrow*, Dark-Eyed Junco*, Red-Winged Blackbird*, and Western Meadowlark*.

- LeRoy B. Beasley &
Reinhardt Jockel

Since 1982, Auduboners have seen these species with number of years seen since 1983 (E means nearly every year).

Common Loon	E	Lesser Scaup	3	Yellowlegs	1	Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	1
Pied Billed Grebe	2	Common Goldeneye	1	Willet	2	Mountain Bluebird	2
Eared Grebe	3	Barrows Goldeneye	1	Long-Billed Curlew	E	Townsend's Solitaire	1
Western Grebe	2	Bufflehead	3	Common Snipe	E	American Robin	E
Clarks Grebe	1	Red-Breasted Merganser	3	Ring-Billed Gull	1	Sage Thrasher	E
American White Pelican	1	Ruddy Duck	3	California Gull	2	European Starling	3
Double Crested Cormorant	5	Osprey	3	Caspian Tern	1	American Pipit	1
American Bittern	1	Northern Harrier	5	Mourning Dove	5	Yellow-Rumped Warbler	2
Great Blue Heron	5	Swainson's Hawk	2	Great-Horned Owl	6	Spotted Towhee	1
Snowy Egret	1	Red-Tailed Hawk	6	Short-Eared Owl	1	Brewer's Sparrow	2
White Faced Ibis	1	Ferruginous Hawk	1	Belted Kingfisher	4	Vesper Sparrow	E
Turkey Vulture	1	Rough-Legged Hawk	3	Northern Flicker	4	Savannah Sparrow	5
Tundra Swan	1	Golden Eagle	1	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Fox Sparrow	1
Canada Goose	E	American Kestrel	4	Shrike spp	1	Song Sparrow	E
Snow Goose	1	Grey Partridge	2	Western Scrub Jay	1	White-Crowned Sparrow	3
Mallard	E	Ring-Necked Pheasant	4	Black-Billed Magpie	E	Dark-Eyed Junco	4
Northern Pintail	3	Sage Grouse	E	American Crow	2	Red-Winged Blackbird	6
Cinnamon Teal	4	Sharp-Tailed Grouse	E	Common Raven	E	Western Meadowlark	E
Northern Shoveler	2	Sora	1	Horned Lark	E	Yellow-Headed Blackbird	E
Gadwall	5	American Coot	6	Tree Swallow	4	Brewer's Blackbird	4
American Wigeon	3	Sandhill Crane	4	Violet-Green Swallow	1	American Goldfinch	1
Canvasback	3	Killdeer	E	N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	Evening Grosbeak	1
Redhead	4	Black-Necked Stilt	1	Barn Swallow	2		
Ring-Necked Duck	2	American Avocet	3	Marsh Wren	1		

Nature Bits

Raptor Electrocution Reduction Program Needs Volunteers

HawkWatch International, in partnership with PacifiCorp, is initiating a Raptor Electrocution Reduction Program (RERP) to minimize the number of hawks, eagles, and owls that are killed on power line poles each year. The RERP aims to identify electrocution "hot spots," retrofit problem poles, and proactively retrofit poles that may potentially kill birds. They are seeking volunteers to assist with field surveys throughout Utah this summer and fall. Volunteers will be needed to walk power lines in search of electrocuted birds, identify potentially hazardous power poles, record observations of live raptors, and collect habitat data. If you would like to participate in field surveys, please contact Sherri Meyer (smeyer@hawkwatch.org, phone: 801/484-7086; fax: 801/484-6810).

Educational Opportunity

Great Salt Lake Audubon's *Basin & Range* is scheduled for June 9th & 10th in northern Box Elder County at Rosebud, a BLM Field camp. Field trips and lectures will be given in birding, geology, ethnobotany, range science and reptiles. The

instructors include Joe Mendelson, Don Fiesinger, Fred Provenza, Kayo Robertson, Bryan Dixon, and a couple more birder/raptor people. There will be a potluck Saturday evening. Camping is somewhat primitive, but water, kitchen facilities, and restrooms are available. Cost: \$25, \$15 for seniors; children under twelve are free. For details, contact Keith Johnson at 801/467-6497 or email jandkjohnson@juno.com.

Don't Miss the Third Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival!!!!

The third annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival will take place from May 12-19. The Festival is comprised of major activities on Saturday May 12, 2001 at the Davis County Fairpark, including, booths, displays, artists, entertainment, and food. There will also be a fun-run at Antelope Island on May 12 as well as numerous tours. The Keynote Speaker at the Festival Dinner on May 12 will be Terry Tempest Williams. Terry's talk is titled *Refuge: Looking Back and Looking Forward*. From May 13 to May 18 there will be tours to birding sites throughout northern Utah. On May 19 the Great Bear River Bird Festival will be held at

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. To get more information about this week long event go to the web site at <http://www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com>, or phone 801/451-3286.

Cache Valley Monitoring Project

If you would like to participate in the collection of data about the birds and other animals in Cache Valley, sign up for a transect! You need to be good at bird identification and counting and putting up with mosquitoes, gnats and other mysteries of nature. Notice this says good, not excellent. Excellent is great and those who aren't, will be. For those who think they could spend 3-5 mornings walking a transect for 30 minutes to 2 hours every other month, please call Val at 435/753-5370 or email him at biores@mtwest.net.

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WELCOME! New & Renewing Members

New members

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