



The Stilt

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Northern Utah Animal Rehabilitation Center

An albino skunk, a trick performing badger, a shrieking American Kestrel, a Red-tailed Hawk, and a hot dog eating Raven attended the last Bridgerland Audubon Society meeting. Accompanying them were Barbara Schneider of the Northern Utah Animal Rehabilitation Center (NUARC), who gave us a very informative introduction to her work with animal rehabilitation.

Barbara and her husband Bill live near Ogden on three acres with a motley collection of animals. Right now, the only ones needing rehab are a Screech Owl and a Rough-legged Hawk, but there's also an incubator filled with Meadow Lark eggs and plenty of permanent residents, such as the animals that she brought to

the Audubon meeting. These are critters that are permanently damaged in some way to make it impossible for them to live successfully in the wild. However, spring's here, and soon their house will be filled with fawns and birds and who knows what. In the past, their home's been shared with mule deer, pronghorns (the two at Willow Park are NUARC graduates), and even moose.

Many of these animals arrive at NUARC through the care of observant individuals. The hot dog eating raven, for instance, was seen to fly into the side of a semi by several people and was delivered to Barbara with a broken wing. Another source of animals in need is the Utah Division of

Wildlife and other official agencies like the local animal control. Special licenses are required for the care of all wild things, and NUARC is one of the few animal rehabilitation centers in northern Utah that can take mammals. Ogden Nature Center and Willow Park Zoo have both sent NUARC injured animals for care.

Individuals who have recently found an animal that may need rehabilitation might want to keep a few things in mind. First, if it's a baby bird, hesitate. Every year, rehab clinics are inundated with animals "rescued from their parents." Many of those baby birds are fledglings. A fledgling bird has gotten too big for the nest, but it sometimes takes them a few days to fully

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Humans are not the only species on this planet. We just think we are. Chief Seattle said that if animals should die, humans would die of great loneliness.



take to the air. You might put them up in a tree or someplace cat challenging if you can. Don't worry about leaving your scent on the little one and it being rejected by its parents: birds (except vultures and condors) can't smell! Another important thing to know is that the NUARC doesn't take adult deer. The shock is apparently too much for adult deer; they die soon after arriving.

In Cache Valley, if you find an injured animal, call the Division of Wildlife. There are a few other good rehab contacts in the valley licensed to work on injured raptors. These include Dr. Mitchell at North Cache Veterinary Service, and Drs. Israelsen and Hillegass at Mountain View Veterinary Clinic. The Willow Park Zoo prefers not to receive animals from individuals—they get plenty from more official sources. And remember: no one can legally touch an eagle, even to transport it for medical attention.

Like a lot of great work, the NUARC doesn't receive any official funding. It is a labor of love, funded by personal donations and what Barbara makes from appearances at educational programs. Volunteers (over 16 years of age, please) and visitors are welcome (please make a donation if visiting!); just call ahead.

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Allen and Alice Stokes Nature Center

Summer Dipper Day Camps

Explore our local canyons and valleys!

Big Dipper Day Camp

(for children entering grades 4 & 5)
Session I: June 18-22; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Session II: July 16-20; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cost: \$90 for nature center members, \$100 for non-members

Little Dipper Day Camp

(for children entering grades 2 & 3)
Session I: June 11-14; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Session II: June 25-28; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: \$60 for nature center members, \$70 for non-members.

Summer Story Series

Stories, games, crafts, and more!
(for ages 5-7)

Session I: Thursdays June 7-28;
10 a.m. - noon

Session II: Thursdays July 12-26 and
Aug 2; 10 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$15 per child per session for nature center members, \$20 per child per session for non-members

Scholarships are available, registration ends soon. Call the nature center for registration information 435/755-3239 or visit <http://www.logannature.org>.

New members

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| Heather Arines | Linda Kerr |
| Jennifer Beach | Deeann Lape |
| Chris Boatwright | Bill Maslich |
| Scott Carles | Dan Miller |
| Dave Carlisle | Karen Mock |
| Randy Christensen | Karen Muir |
| Mary Ann Giddings | Eric Newell |
| Larry Grunig | Jeanne Nielsen |
| Glen Harris | Bryce Passey |
| Brad Hawks | Larry Rock |
| Wendy Hellstern | Sharyle Shaffer |
| Dirk Henningsen | Maureen Trevathan |

Renewing members

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| Leon C. Astle | Karen Lindsey |
| Fred Baker | Allen Lowe |
| Joyce Cline | Mrs. Meredith Matlack |
| Lula C. DeValve | D. Obray |
| Mr. James Dyer | Janis Parent |
| Ms. Ruth Eller | Craig Reger |
| Diane Hanson | Ron Ryel |
| Molly Hysell | Michael J. Stones |
| Joyce Kinkead & David Lancy | Louise Thomas |
| Alice Lindahl | Nancy Williams |

Audubon Calendar

There will be no general (second Thursday) meetings in June, July, or August.

June 9-10. Boating the Upper Bear River, Overnight Canoe Trip.

Come and paddle a wonderful, little used section of the Bear River with us from Georgetown, Idaho to Alexander Reservoir by Soda Springs, Idaho. The reach is about 30-miles long and is mostly flat water with the exception of a few easy class I and II rapids and lots of railroad bridges that add a little excitement to this run. The birding is great and includes nesting Bald Eagles, cormorants, mergansers, waxwings to name a few. Moose and deer are often seen on this run. We will float about 15 miles the first day, leave our canoes in a secure place along the river and camp in a beautiful little USFS campground on the north toe of the Bear River Range called Cold Springs Campground. The next day we will float the last 15 miles to the top of Alexander Reservoir and return home. If you want to throw \$10 dollars in a hat, supper and breakfast at camp will be provided, or you can bring your own grub. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Ibis Parking Lot with your boat and camping gear. If you have any questions, need information, or wish to join the group food buy, call Bill at 753-1759.

June 16. Riparian Forest and Marsh Birding. Breeding season for birds is in full swing in the valley floor, and all the songbirds are sporting their best plumage. Join us for this walk through a riparian forest along the Bear River in one of Cache Valley's best birding sites. The trail also passes by the river and along open marshes, so we should see ducks, gulls, cormorants, pelicans, possibly a Sora or other rail, as well as the chance to see owls, woodpeckers, and forest songbirds. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Benson Bridge; we'll return to our vehicles by about 11. For more information, call Don at 753-2051.

June 23. Grassland Birding and Bear River Marsh Management. Our field trip will offer an opportunity to assist PacifiCorp with an inventory of rare grasshopper sparrows reported to be nesting on one of their properties below Cutler Dam. We'll also have a chance to see other grassland species, maybe even a prairie falcon. We'll also take advantage of PacifiCorp biologist and property manager Eve Davies's knowledge of management strategies as she demonstrates PacifiCorp's use of grazing to responsibly manage their property. We'll meet at Benson Marina at 8 a.m. and carpool for the 15 minute drive to the site. For information, call Don at 753-2051.

July 7. Tony Grove Wildflower Walk. A family hike leaving from the Tony Grove area to study wildflowers, mountain birds, and whatever strikes the fancy of our naturalist guide. The basins around Tony Grove harbor quiet groves of trees, limestone sinkholes, and rich meadows. The breeding season will be winding down for the birds, but it's still a great time to see some of the montane species and possibly some rarities like purple martin and Rufous Hummingbirds. Trip leaves 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot north of the Straw Ibis (150 North 50 East) in Logan. This is a joint field trip with the Utah Native Plant Society, and Reinhard Jockel will be our trip leader. For more information, call Don, 753-2051

More community events are available at: <http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org/greencalendar>

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Wild Hare Humor

What birds spend all their time on their knees?
Birds of prey! ☺ What do you call a woodpecker
with no beak? *A headbanger!* ☺ What do you call
a very rude bird? *A mockingbird!* ☺ Why do
hummingbirds hum? *Because they don't know the*
words. ☺ A crow perched himself on a
telephone wire. *He was going to make a long-distance*
call. ☺ What did the little bird say to the big
bird? *Peck on someone your own size.* ☺ What kind
of ducks rob banks? *Safe quackers.* ☺ Which bird
does construction work? *The crane!*

Editor's note: Send me more material for the Stilt, or you will see more jokes!

**Membership in the Bridgerland Audubon Society includes a subscrip-
tion to *The Stilt*, as well as *Audubon* magazine. The editor of *The Stilt*
invites submissions of any kind, due on the 15th of each month. Send to
stiltnews@hotmail.com**

National Audubon Society Chapter Membership Application

Yes, I'd like to contribute to Audubon and receive the
Bridgerland Audubon newsletter *The Stilt* and the
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