

BAS Chapter Notes

Sanctuary Work Moves Ahead With the Help of UCC



The UCC (Utah Conservation Corps) worked for a week out at the Barrens in early September.

During that time they constructed a barbless wire fence (perhaps the only one in the valley) stretching just under 1/2 mile along the roadway. We also removed a very old and dilapidated fence, filling a pick up truck with rusty barbwire. Finally, we installed boundary markers every 100 feet around the perimeter of the property.

Next up is a little habitat work. The UCC will be out at the Barrens again October 21-23 to harvest and plant native sunflower seeds as well as try out coyote willow cuttings.

—Saundra Schimmelpfennig

Still curious about the plants you saw on the Tony Grove field trip?

The field trip to Tony Grove Lake in July, led capably by Reinhart Jockel, was a bloomin' success, with more than 25 enthusiastic attendees.

Some dandy birds showed themselves to our group, including purple martin, Williamson's sapsucker, Lincoln sparrow, Clark's nutcracker and more. But our primary objective was flowers, and they were there in diversity and profusion.

For those of you valiantly jotting down names, here are some of the plant genera

that you saw: *Achillea*, monkshood, *Aquilegia*, *Aster*, cow parsnip, *Delphinium*, *Gilia*, *Helianthella*, lupine, *Penstemon*, *Potentilla*, *Veratrum*, snowberry, elephantshead, geranium, blue flax, figwort, Jacob's ladder, honeysuckle, fireweed, and bog candle orchid.

A good place to see and read about these genera is in Richard Shaw's small field guide: "Utah Wildflowers: A field guide to northern and central mountains and valleys."

—Jim Cane



Audubon Calendar

November 2002

6 BAS Board of Trustees Meeting. The BAS Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 6 at Bio-Resources, 135 East Center, Logan. Please note that our regular meeting date has changed to the first Wednesday of the month, at least through May 2003. All interested in attending are welcome.

9 Visit Logan's Wonderful Sewage Lagoons. It may seem odd to some but the Logan Sewage lagoons are one of the real hot spots in our area for both late migrating and overwintering waterfowl. The birds are safe from hunters and have a nice, ice-free place to lounge. Please join us for a trip with Dr. Keith Archibald, one of the state's premier birders. Meet at 9 a.m. at the parking lot between the Logan Fire Station and Café Ibis (50 E. 150 North). Bring binoculars and dress appropriately for the season. A cold wind often blows through the lagoons. Beginning birders are welcome. Carpooling will be available. We will be finished by noon or before. For more information, call Keith Archibald, 752-8258.

14 BAS General Meeting: Adam Kozlowski on the Past, Present, and Questionable Future for Bobolink and Yellow-billed Cuckoo in Northern Utah. Two bird species are really feeling the pressure of shrinking riparian or lowland habitats. Adam Kozlowski, sensitive species biologist for the Northern Region of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will discuss the bobolink's dependency on wet meadows and the yellow-billed cuckoo's riparian requirements within the broader scope of habitat loss in Utah. The present and historical status of both species and their habitats will be discussed. Current and future research and conservation efforts, as well as gaps in our knowledge, will be addressed. Please join Adam to learn and share ideas about what can be done to make bobolink and cuckoo populations in Utah more sustainable. The talk will follow our general meeting at 7 p.m. in the Logan City Meeting Room, 255 N. Main St.

16 Fall Birding in Southern Cache Valley. Spend the morning looking for migrating waterfowl, hawks, and other birds with Bryan Dixon, another of the state's premier birders. Probable stops will include Hyrum Reservoir for late season ducks (maybe long-tailed duck or a surf scoter), Hyrum and Paradise fields for hawks, and roadsides and brush for sparrows, etc. Beginning birders are welcome. Carpooling will be available. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot between the Logan Fire Station and Café Ibis (50 E. 150 North). Bring binoculars and dress for the season. We will be back by early afternoon. For more information call Bryan Dixon, 752-6830.

23 Birding in Southern Box Elder County. Bird southern Box Elder County with Dick Hurren. We'll hit spots like Willard Bay and the Salt Creek Wildlife Management Area. In past years, we've seen such unusual things as a northern parula warbler and Bonaparte's gulls. A few bald eagles will probably be here by this time. Meet at 8 a.m. at the parking lot between the Logan Fire Station and Café Ibis (50 E. 150 North). Bring binoculars and dress appropriately for the season. Carpooling will be available. Beginning birders are welcome. Bring something to munch on, we will not be back until early afternoon. For more information call Dick Hurren (435) 734-2653.

30 How to Feed and Attract Winter Birds. See the various types of feeders, seeds, and water devices in use locally. Bring binoculars and dress for the season. Most of the observing will be done outdoors. Leave at 9 a.m. from the parking lot between the Logan Fire Station and Café Ibis (50 E. 150 North). Carpooling will be available. Beginning birders are most welcome. We will be finished by noon. For more information call Dick Hurren (435) 734-2653.



If you'd like to come along on a field trip but do not have binoculars, call Dick Hurren (435) 734-2653. He'll find a pair for you to use.

Local Notes

Holiday Cards with a Cause

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures announces its 3rd Annual 'Holiday Cards with a Cause' featuring local artist Jerry Fuhrman. The cards are a fundraiser for Common Ground, a non-profit organization that provides recreational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities.

Cache Valley artist, Jerry Fuhrman, known for his watercolor and oil paintings of Cache Valley landscapes has donated six paintings; three winter scenes and three other seasons to be

reproduced as holiday greeting cards. These high-quality color prints are printed on glossy, recycled paper. With personalized imprinting you can customize your business or personal holiday card with the perfect greeting. All proceeds from the project directly provide recreational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities in Cache Valley.

For more information, call Common Ground at (435) 713-0288.

Sanctuary Grant

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- Get the land appraised.
- Survey the second parcel. We'll try to use the same surveyor who did the first parcel so the cost may be a little lower than otherwise.
- Enter into an agreement with Ducks Unlimited, which is the subcontracting entity for the IWJV and which handles some of the administrative work. We have a draft agreement from other projects.
- Request a payment in advance for the land acquisition.

- Arrange a closing with PacifiCorp and Val Grant.

Not too bad. We may be able to pull this off by the end of the calendar year.

Now it's time to start thinking about all that monitoring work we want to do, and arrange for work parties to be able to post the second parcel. We'll be organizing another planning meeting in early November. If you aren't getting our emails but want to be involved, just let me know: or 752-6830.

Thanks for everyone's support so far. Our little Sanctuary is getting some notice from National Audubon as well as private landowners in the area. I have a feeling this is only the beginning!

- Bryan Dixon

For Sale

Bausch & Lomb Elite binoculars 10x42; excellent condition \$500. Call Jean at 752-6830.

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