



# The Stilt

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## Reflections from Cutler Marsh

It's cold out around Cutler this time of year. Sometimes, despite my chilly toes and fingers, I make the time to just watch and listen while I'm out there. Years ago, I used to do that a lot; more recently, I often am in too much of a hurry to get some task or another completed, with the Cutler project clock constantly ticking in my ear. Although that countdown has now reached a frenzied pace for me, occasionally I still remember to pay attention to the things I see and hear around me, out in the marshes or along the Bear River: the short-eared owl group (or family?) that lives around our Spring Creek facilities; the hoar frost that covers ordinary teasels, grasses, and cottonwoods and turns them into glittering, crystal-laced extraordinary works of art for just a few minutes when the sun comes out (damn this fog); the crack and thump of sheets of ice stacking up and sliding under

other ice sheets to make a dam on the river; the tell-tale marks of duck wings and tails where they have been foraging in the snow; the whistle of their wings when they fly overhead.

No matter how many days I spend here, I'm still intrigued by life at Cutler—both by old acquaintances, as well as new surprises. There is a weasel that remembers where I stashed some extra dog food – just once – and who keeps checking back for more. I see the beavers practicing their beaver-gation techniques (infinitely more interesting than ordinary irrigation). The foot and wing prints of a lame pelican mark its path across a patch of snow-

dusted ice. A flock of pheasants explodes out of the teasels when my dog points and flushes them; his big grin makes me smile. The constellation Orion rises over the lights of town as I'm hustling to get back to the truck before it's totally dark (of course, it already is). The early morning light illuminates the Wellsvilles an eternity before it reaches me with some warmth; the last light of the afternoon shines on the Bear River Range, and is reflected on the ice over the marsh. I never tire of

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New Benson RR trail bridge December 2001

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seeing the scrawny, stumpy, chewed-up, drought-stricken shrubs we planted and labored over, thousands and thousands of them. They are beautiful to me. You should see how good they look in their new homes. I imagine how they will transform the sites we've planted and I am very pleased. These are the things I see and hear when I ignore the fact that I'm chilly and that I have a list of things to do that only seems to get longer with each passing day.

These details from the marsh are not just enjoyable observations; they are the outcome of a lot of hard work. What I see now has been steadily replacing some less-pleasant sights from past years out at Cutler: long lines of cars (miles worth) along exposed and eroding banks; trash piles pushed into ravines on company-owned lands; agricultural activities that extend right to and over the eroding reservoir banks; unmanaged and detrimental grazing practices; and land with little potential to foster diverse native species of plants and wildlife.

Most of you are probably aware that PacifiCorp owns and operates Cutler Reservoir to

fulfill irrigation contracts and, secondarily, to generate hydroelectric power under a license granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. You may not know that PacifiCorp (operating as Utah Power in Utah and Idaho) was granted a new license in 1995, and that under the terms of the new license, we needed to develop and implement a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for company-owned lands within the project boundary (including approximately 10,000 acres of open water, wetlands, and adjacent uplands).

The original RMP was scheduled for completion in five years. We received a one year extension to complete some of the more difficult aspects of the project, and are currently working hard to finish all remaining elements by the end of the company's fiscal year in March 2002. Our final project report and monitoring plan is scheduled to be submitted to the FERC and other agencies by fall of 2002. So this seems like a good time to remind people of what we said we'd accomplish, and what has actually happened on the ground.

In doing so, PacifiCorp would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of organizations like Bridgerland Audubon. Partnering with BAS and other local organizations and individuals on a multitude of large and small projects not only fostered an appreciation of the magnitude and impact of this project on the local community, but has also strengthened our project with cooperation and valuable input.

The RMP describes five goals regarding resource

improvements for Cutler, and five specific programs that would be implemented to achieve these goals. The five goals were to: improve water quality; improve wildlife habitat; improve recreational opportunities and access; improve scenic resources; and retain traditional agricultural opportunities. The five programs implemented are described below. Some of the elements of various programs were mandated by FERC to include a required quantity (such as 3.5 miles of bank stabilization), while other elements did not have specified measurements. However, in almost all cases, although the actual agency requirement included a target amount, the project has exceeded this for the simple fact that to meet the intent of the RMP, more work was needed on the ground than the conceptual plan had suggested to meet stated goals. The following is a description of the programs implemented and their specific requirements.

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Planting shrubs and willow bundles on new Benson RR Trail. April 2001

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### **Vegetation Enhancement Program**

- Designation of a vegetated buffer between lands leased for farming and the reservoir (estimated at 10 miles, actual marked distance exceeds 40 miles to date, with additional lands yet to be included)
- Conversion of 50 acres of croplands to a vegetated perennial buffer (we currently have over 500 acres that have been converted from tilled ground to shoreline buffer)
- Bank stabilization (required length was 3.5 miles, actual stabilization includes over five miles of bank and included removal of hundreds of cars from the shoreline)
- Planting at least 10 one-half to three-acre woody vegetation sites for additional wildlife habitat (to date we have planted over 60,000 trees and shrubs at 12 main sites and several smaller areas)
- Installation of twelve miles of fencing to control access, mark boundaries, and protect buffers (requirement was for six miles in this category and an additional

six miles in another category; to date we have installed over 70 miles of fencing and boundary markers and are not yet finished given project needs)

- Protection of sensitive wildlife zones (ibis and gull colonies as well as the heron rookery were mentioned in the RMP; additional components now include a recreation policy that prohibits large motorized boat use in sensitive habitats, as well as construction of two osprey nest platforms and four artificial burrowing owl tunnels)
- Construction of erosion control check dams (no number required, 14 have been constructed in two separate management areas to date)
- On-going water quality and water level studies and monitoring

### **Agricultural Lease Program**

- Preservation of traditional agricultural activities, where appropriate, on lands within the project boundary, while changing use and lease conditions to reflect RMP goals on over 4500 acres of land leased for farming and grazing
- Implementation of a Grazing Management Plan that incorporates grazing as a tool for management of the pastures for wildlife usage (we were recognized for our efforts in this regard by the Society for Range Management with their 2001 Excellence in Range Management Award)
- Installation of new fences (as noted above, because more fence was deemed necessary to fulfill the goals of the RMP, the fencing requirement of 12 miles has been met with the current total of over 70 miles of fences and boundary marker posts to date)
- Sharecropping over 300 acres (six pastures located along the Logan River) primarily for

wildlife forage

### **Recreation Site Development Program**

- Construction of three major and five primitive day use recreation sites around the reservoir (all sites are now complete except for the Logan River site, which has been deferred until the highway is widened)
- Construction of the Benson Railroad Trestle pedestrian/bike bridge and trail
- Installation of the North Marsh, Little Bear River and Logan River canoe trails (two were required in the RMP)
- Construction of two boat-in picnic areas in Cutler Canyon (tables will be installed this spring)
- Designation of the Bear River Riparian trail for non-motorized uses, located along the Bear River south of the Upper Bear River Access site
- Designation of the Cutler Wetlands Maze area and implementation of a new Recreation Use Policy, as well as launching an associated website, <http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org/welandsmaze>, with maps, project description, and natural history information for Cutler (none of this element was specifically required by the RMP, BAS members were instrumental in getting a recreation policy adopted)
- Installation of a variety of interpretive information and maps at the recreation sites (required element but not specified as to type or amount, additional work currently



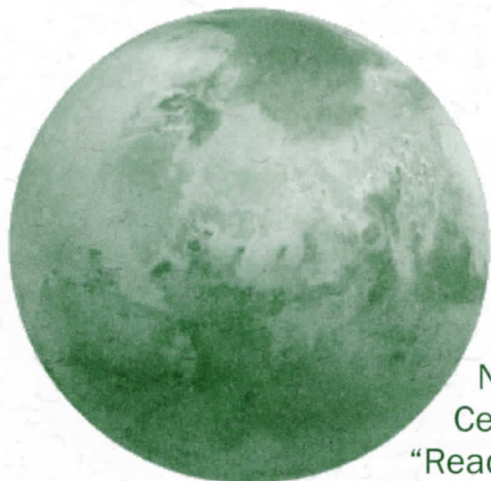
*Osprey platform installed near Benson Marina. December 2000*



*Shrubs and willows six months old—same vantage point. October 2001*

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# I Walked on Mars



Yep, I sure did, at the Stokes Nature Center

“Reading the Winter Skies” program January 12. Peter Grieve was the magician for the evening who carefully and enthusiastically guided our exploration of our heavens. He explained gravity and the age of our solar system and how the planets were spun off of the sun and how they ended up in generally circular orbits around the sun. He had an uncanny ability to describe complex things in simple terms, but had depth of knowledge to answer the hard questions. With teamwork we were able to name all of the planets of our solar system – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. (Some astronomers are skeptical that Pluto is really like the other planets since it has a very elliptical orbit and different composition. It may have been Stuff from another system that just got trapped in an orbit around our sun.)

Peter explained the position of our solar system in our Milky Way galaxy. Our galaxy is shaped like a Frisbee with a tennis ball in the center. Our solar system is located

about half way between the center and the edge and sort of on the left side. He said there were billions of other galaxies, which makes one kind of queasy when you try to imagine all of that.

It was still cloudy when the sun went down, so we couldn't see the celestial constellations. Instead, we used pin and paper to create templates of holes to place over a flashlight to shine constellations on the ceiling. After a while (and some cookies and hot chocolate), we stuck our heads out and the clouds had parted, revealing a crystal clear winter sky.

We dug out a birding spotting scope and Peter's reflector telescope and Peter showed us Jupiter and we could see three moons AND two cinnamon equatorial bands! Way cool! We then shifted focus and found Saturn, which was also exceedingly cool because we could clearly see the rings around the silver orb! Looking straight up, Peter, with Jamey Anderson's help, showed us the Andromeda Galaxy, the furthest bunch of Stuff in the heavens that's visible with the naked eye. It's 58 million light-years away (that's 341,040,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles)! How amazing that such few photons could make it this far

and trigger a visual sensation in people.

The coolest of all, though, was being able to touch a bit of Mars. It seems an asteroid landed on earth composed of volcanic basalt that could be dated to less than 1 billion years old. Since there are only two planets in the solar system that have had any volcanic activity in the last billion years—Earth and Mars, that narrowed it down considerably (all the others cooled off long before that). In addition, the ratios of various metals in the asteroid matched perfectly the ratios found by landing vehicles in the Martian soil. We touched it, and then...I put the chip on the ground and stood on it.

Now, don't you wish you had come? Then you could have walked on Mars.

See the newsletters or web site for future Stokes Nature Center programs: [www.logannature.org](http://www.logannature.org).

-Bryan Dixon

# Cache Valley GreenCalendar

february

## 2 Bridgerland Audubon Society Outing: Antelope Island in Winter

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Logan Fire Station and by the Caffe Ibis (50 East 150 North) for a morning and early afternoon of nature watching at Antelope Island State Park in the Great Salt Lake. At this time of year the Bison and Pronghorns are usually easy to see up close, and Bighorn Sheep may be in view. Unusual birds are often seen both from the causeway and on the Island. A single Lapland Longspur was sighted there recently, Black Rosy Finches are sometimes there in winter. Unusual waterfowl are often seen in the lake, and falcons are often seen on the island. Bring warm clothing, a lunch and binoculars(\*); carpooling will be available. Be prepared to pay \$1.50 per person as an entrance fee to the state park. We'll plan to be back by early afternoon. For more information call Allen Christensen, 258-5018, or Dick Hurren, 435/734-2653.

## 2, 9, 16, & 23 Green Party of Utah-Cache Valley Meetings

February 2002: Saturdays at 10 am, Caffe Ibis on Federal Ave in Logan and on selected weeknights TBA. Meetings are open to all to discuss common issues and learn more about the GPU and the formation of Locals in Cache Valley. For more information, please call Rob Morrison at 752-4232.

## 7 Bridgerland Audubon Society General Meeting.

### Dr. Joseph Medelson, Evolutionary Natural History of Neotropical Frogs

The guest speaker for the February BAS general meeting will be Dr. Joseph Medelson. The title of his presentation is "Evolutionary Natural History of Neotropical Frogs." The bizarre Marsupial Frogs of South America show a bewildering array of reproductive behaviors and adaptations, including in many cases, actual marsupial pouches on the backs of the females where the eggs are carried until hatching. Some species forego the traditional tadpole stage altogether and hatch out as tiny froglets. One group of species have very strange arrow-shaped skulls and feed primarily on other frogs. This research investigates the historical sequence of the evolution of the strange reproductive behaviors in these frogs and how the changing geography of South America has affected their speciation. Logan City Building meeting room, 255 N. Main, 7 pm.

## 8-9 Stokes Nature Center Second Saturday Program: Winter Safety Workshop

Grades 9-12 Friday, February 8: 5:30 - 8:30 pm. & Saturday, February 9: 8 am. - 4 pm. Love to snowboard, ski or snowshoe? Call to register your students for this workshop on preparing for winter outings and assessing avalanche conditions in the backcountry. We'll spend a day on snowshoes digging snow pits, scouting for animal tracks, studying snow crystals, and more! Advanced registration is required, call the Nature Center for information. Program fee is \$25 per person and includes breakfast and snowshoes for Saturday. For more information, call 755-3239 or visit <http://www.logannature.org/>

## 9 Bridgerland Audubon Society Outing: Beavers and Birds

Join us as we ski and snowshoe to an active beaver colony to study the inhabitants, their architecture and their friends. Meet at the Logan First Dam at 9:00 am.; return early afternoon. Dress warmly and bring skis or snowshoes. The grade is gradual and should not be too taxing. Bring something to drink and bring some "munchies" if you feel so inclined. Carpooling will be available. For more information call Jim Cane, 713-4668, or Dick Hurren, 435/734-2653.

Be sure to call about non-Audubon events—we can't be responsible for these descriptions!

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

## 9 Stokes Nature Center Tales and Trails Program: The Old Man's Mitten

Discover how many animals can live in one man's mitten as we read this traditional tale about a mitten lost in the snow. You will make your own track book as we learn how to identify animal tracks in the snow. The Tales and Trails program is designed for children 4 - 8 years old, 10-12 pm. The winter session fee is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. To register and for more information, call 755-3239 or visit <http://www.logannature.org/>

## 9 Valentine Pro/Am Chocolate Festival of Planned Parenthood of Logan

Bullen Arts Center, 43 South Main in Logan, 6:30 pm. Enter a dessert or just come and eat! At 6:30 pm., the public will taste the various chocolate desserts and vote for their favorites. Awards will be presented at 8:00 pm., followed by the auction, which will conclude by 9:30 pm. A silent auction during the public tasting will be featured again this year. Award winners, parent/child desserts, and non-food items will be sold during the public auction. If you would like to volunteer as a server, call Jennifer Ludlow (753-0450). Visit their web site at <http://www.zmariner.com/chocolate> for more information about entering desserts or call Jim/Shelly at 753-4838 evenings.

## 16 Bridgerland Audubon Society Outing: Bird Walk for Beginning Birders

Experienced birders will not be excluded as long as they understand that this trip is primarily for beginners, and we will take extra time to be sure all participants see various birds in and around Logan in winter and learn their distinguishing characteristics. This will be a good trip for parents and kids. Walking will be modest. Meet behind the Logan Fire Station and by the Caffe Ibis (50 East 150 North) at 9:00 am. Carpooling will be available. Dress for the season and bring binoculars(\*). For further information call Dick Hurren, 435/734-2653.

## 23 Stokes Nature Center Tales and Trails program: Owl Moon

We will learn about owl "smart parts," pick apart an owl pellet, practice our own owl calls, play the "Go Owl" card game, and put together an owl puzzle in this fun session all about owls. Then we will read this exciting story about one girl's owl walk adventure. You will get to take home your own deck of cards to play the "Go Owl" card game (like "Go Fish")! The Tales and Trails program is designed for children 4 - 8 years old, 10-12 pm. The winter session fee is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. To register and for more information, call 755-3239 or visit <http://www.logannature.org/>

## 23 Bridgerland Audubon Society Outing: Elk and Other Wildlife

Join us for a trip to Hardware Ranch to enjoy the Elk and to do some birding along the way. Meet in the parking lot behind the Logan Fire Station and by the Caffe Ibis (50 East 150 North) at 9:00 am. Dress for the season and bring binoculars (\*). We will plan to be back soon after noon. Carpooling will be available. For more information call Dick Hurren, 435/734-2653.

## March 2 Utah Native Plant Society, Cache Valley Chapter: Native Plant Propagation Workshop

\$10 per person. Classtime(s) to be announced. Call 435/258.0303 to register. Susan Meyer and Bitsy Schultz from the Utah Native Plant Society will once again offer this popular class in Logan. All materials provided. To register or for more information, [unps\\_cache@hotmail.com](mailto:unps_cache@hotmail.com) or 258-0303.

\*If you don't have binoculars but are interested in coming, call Dick Hurren; he will try to find a pair that can be made available to you.

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- being completed as part of a graduate degree program with a USU student)
- Assuring public access across company lands within the project boundary, particularly in regard to traditional waterfowl and upland bird hunting uses

### Wetland Mitigation Program

- Development of a six-acre mitigation

site for wetland impacts associated with recreation site construction (completed project and five-year monitoring in 2000)

- Reclamation of an unused road through a wetland (project completed)

### Fishery Habitat Structure Program

- Installation of fish habitat structures in the reservoir (six were required,

to date 30 have been installed)

- Associated on-going monitoring of the use and condition of the structures

The requirements for this project have been extensive, and at times difficult to satisfy because the RMP, a conceptual document, is relatively complex. Several additional tasks not explicitly required have been completed because it be-

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# Cedar Waxwings

## educational corner

While crossing the road to begin skiing Birch Creek Golf Course in Smithfield, I was confronted

by a large flock of birds busily feeding on hawthorn and crab apple fruit along the street edge and canal. I soon recognized them to be Cedar Waxwings and American Robins, perhaps a 100 plus birds in the mixed flock. The ground was covered with droppings and fruit, not necessarily compatible with my ski wax, so I avoided the mess as best as I could. I was soon engulfed by the soft, high pitched mewing of the waxwings. They fluttered around me as I came within several feet of them, seemingly unconcerned with my proximity. Even a regular 55 mm lens would have been adequate for some great shots of this lovely bird. I skied on before their fecal release found its mark!

Cedar Waxwings (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) are found throughout the east side of Cache Valley with many year-round resident flocks present to bless our day. They

appear to favor the urbanized areas for the ornamental fruit bearing shrubs and trees. We have a flock that frequents our Logan High School campus and whenever I'm out with my students, we pause to hear their barely audible calls and for a glimpse of their activity.

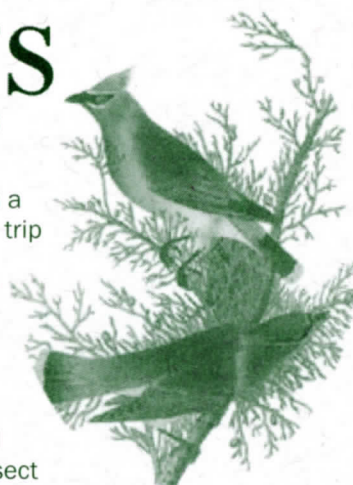
They are usually too far for good viewing, so I use slides for a close up view. My students are always amazed with the stunning beauty they afford. Their waxy, soft brown tones accented with vibrant red, gold, and black are soon fixed in their heads, one of the easier birds for recall.

They're always in flocks ranging one to several dozen in size. Highly gregarious, I seldom find them quarreling with each other. If you're fortunate, you may catch a mated pair passing berries back and forth, a prenuptial ritual I have observed on several occasions since a former student, Jake Gibson, described this behavior to

me, which he had observed while on a three week canoe trip down the entire length of the Bear River. In fact, this unselfish act may be seen among a row of several waxwings who will pass a berry or insect along the entire row, going back and forth several times! Their manners are impeccable. For further description, I choose *Birds of the Great Basin* by Fred A. Reyser, Jr.

The next time you're out for a stroll, ski, or bike ride, take off the head set or ear muffs, and you may be fortunate enough to hear their plaintive, shrill calls and get a glimpse into the life of this fabulous bird!

-Jack Greene



## Welcome to BAS

### New Members

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# Raptor Nest Survey

## *Volunteers Needed*

*Training is provided, as well as a manual, maps, and the location of historic raptor nests.*

### Do you like to hike and to explore?

BLM Salt Lake District Office wants volunteers to locate and monitor raptor nests in Tooele, Utah, and Rich Counties.

Training is provided, as well as a manual, maps, and the location of historic raptor nests. You would be searching primarily for new nests, but also checking for nesting activity in historic nests.

You must be able to commit to 6 full field days of your own choice in the four months from mid-March to mid-July. You must be willing to keep good records on field activity and you must also have an email address, binoculars, and a spotting scope. (If you live

near SLC you may borrow a scope from BLM or from HawkWatch.) Many of the survey areas require rough trail driving although not necessarily 4-W driving, and most areas require hiking.

BLM biologists and volunteers have been collecting raptor nest information for years but it was only last year that an expanded pilot volunteer project was started. Last year volunteers monitored 593 nests which included active Great Horned, Long-eared and Burrowing Owls; Prairie Falcons; American Kestrels; Golden Eagles; Red-tailed, Swainson's and Ferruginous Hawks. If we can reach the nests we also band the nestlings. Last year we were able to band 61 nestlings.

Since raptors don't know where property lines lie, we collect information on raptor nests, whether on private or public land. Both BLM and Utah DWR use this important data to make land management decisions. In addition, band returns allow us to learn about raptor longevity, causes of mortality, dispersal, as well as migration patterns.

Training workshops will be held in early March. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Dawn Sebesta at 435/649-3024 or [sebesta@parkcity.net](mailto:sebesta@parkcity.net).

-Dawn Sebesta



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# Great Backyard Bird Count

## *February 15-18*

Once again, it's time to count birds! You are invited to participate in the fifth annual Great Backyard Bird Count on February 15-18, sponsored by National Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. All ages and skill levels are welcome. The data that you collect will be combined with Christmas Bird Count and Project Feeder-Watch data to give an immense picture of our winter birds. Each year that these data are collected makes them more important and meaningful. Registration and procedure information is available at <http://www.birdsource.org/>, along with past results.

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came clear that the original requirements would not necessarily fulfill the intent of the RMP. Some of the work remaining includes that associated with the required property survey and control efforts where



BAS helped to plant large narrow-leaf cottonwoods. December 2000

ownership in sections of the Bear River area is either unknown or in dispute by adjacent landowners. Most of the remaining work, however, involves implementation and documentation of project monitoring activities planned through the term of the current license. These will include wetland and other wildlife habitat monitoring, shrub and tree planting monitoring, wildlife surveys (in conjunction with BAS), water quality monitoring, bank and buffer monitoring, recreation user surveys, etc.

The work is always challenging, and sometimes quite frustrating. Some days I need to remember aspects of the Cutler Marsh I encountered when I first started spending time here in the mid 80s. I had no notion then of PacifiCorp's

ownership of 10,000 acres running through the heart of Cache Valley, the many issues associated with the relicensing of Cutler, or the role I would eventually play there. I'm proud of what the company has accomplished in a relatively short time, something I need to remember more clearly on days when this project (or myself) seems to be fraying at the seams. I'm fortunate to be the most recent addition to a team of talented, dedicated staff that really believed we could and should make a difference with this project. When I see a shrub planting that is doing well despite adverse conditions, or willows we've used to stabilize banks that have grown phenomenally, those are the visions I want to share; in fact, sometimes I can't hush up about them.

Maybe it's not so cold at Cutler, after all—I'm warmed up just thinking about it. I hope these reflections will prod your memory a bit if it's been a while since you've spent time at Cutler, or perhaps tempt you out if you've never been there. Stop by if you see me out there, or e-mail me (eve.davies@pacificorp.com) and let me know what you think, or see or hear around the marsh. Try and make time to visit it, especially this time of year. Once you get a chance to see and experience what is happening out there, you may forget, at least for a while, that you're chilly.

-Eve Davies

## Local Notes & Actions

### Utah Birding Records

Utah's birding records are available online at <http://utahbirds.org/records/RecordsMain.htm>. Utah's record holder for 2001 is Larene Wyss, for seeing 326 species. If you'd like to have your numbers "officially" recorded, visit the Utah Birds web site (<http://utahbirds.org/records/index.html>) to submit online or to print a form for mailing. These numbers are being shared with the Utah Ornithological Society.

### Binoculars for Sale

Bausch & Lomb Elite Binoculars for sale. Call Jean at 752-6830.

### New Stilt Editor Needed

Would you be willing to solicit articles and put together the Stilt? The present editor is leaving these parts for a better job. Let us know – call Georgen at 787-4018 ([stiltnews@hotmail.com](mailto:stiltnews@hotmail.com)) or Bryan Dixon, [bdixon@xmission.com](mailto:bdixon@xmission.com).

### Stop the Dams!

Senate Bill #92 has been introduced to the Utah Senate by Senator Mike Waddoups R-Salt Lake City. The bill removes as possible dam sites the Amalga Barrens and Honeyville areas from the Bear River

Development Act. The bill states that, "This act modifies the Water and Irrigation Code to delete reference to the Honeyville and Barrens projects from the list of potential projects on the Bear River."

As many in this area know, these dams would destroy 1500 acres of wetlands, flood fields that support 22 farms, and damage forever the North Cache landscape? Why? To gain a lot of low quality water to water new lawns in Salt Lake County.

Please contact Senator Lyle Hillyard R-Logan and encourage him to endorse

Senate Bill #92. The Honorable Senator Hillyard, Utah State Senate, Utah Senate 801/538-1035, Office 435/752-2610. To e-mail Senator Hillyard go to this web site: <http://beta.utahsenate.org/perl/sperl/presendmail.pl?Dist25>.

*This information was brought to us by our friends at the Bear River Watershed Council. Visit them at <http://www.brwcouncil.org/>*



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