

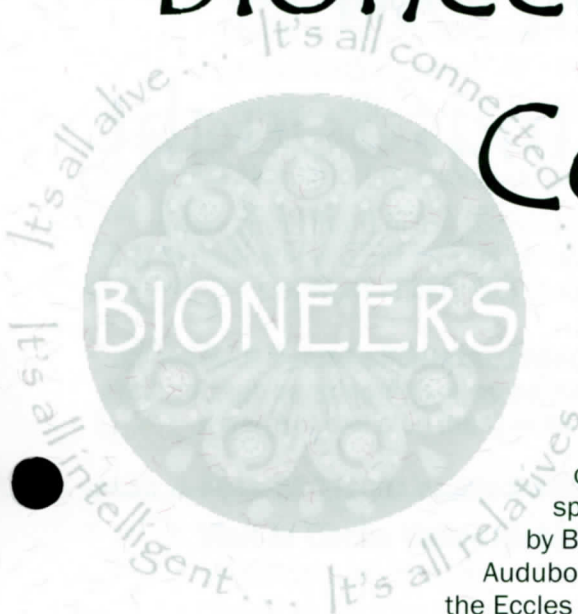


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## Bioneers Conference Comes to Utah



The 15th Annual Bioneers Conference makes its Utah debut—sponsored in part by Bridgerland

Audubon Society—at the Eccles Conference Center on the Utah State University campus October 15-17, 2004.

The USU Bioneers Conference will feature plenary sessions from the national Bioneers conference via satellite, along with plenty of local workshops and speakers.

The Bioneers (“biological pioneers”) Conference promotes practical solutions and innovative strategies for our most pressing environmental and social challenges. Paul Hawken, co-author of *Natural Capitalism* and *The Ecology of Commerce*, says “No confer-

ence on Earth celebrates more fully the possibilities of creating a world that is conducive to life. Bioneers is central to the re-imagination of what it is to be human.”

Keynote speaker for the Utah gathering is L. Hunter Lovins. She is the co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute and co-author of *Natural Capitalism* with Paul Hawken and Amory Lovins. L. Hunter Lovins will speak on linking environmental and ecosystem health to human health.

Since exceeding its capacity of 3000 participants in 2003, the National Bioneers Conference has offered its plenary speakers live via satellite to a handful of communities around the United States and Canada. Utah State University is honored to be one of those sites accepted to

broadcast the national Bioneers plenary speakers.

Speakers from the California-based satellite conference include: Paul Hawken, Terry Tempest Williams, Amory Lovins, Amy Goodman, Michael Lerner, John Mohawk, and many more.

Along with L. Hunter Lovins and virtual plenary sessions, the three-day conference will feature local and regional experts addressing important environmental and sustainability issues such as air quality and transportation; green business and industry; green developments and buildings; the natural step; sustainable communities and smart growth; renewable energy; preserving agricultural land and

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# Local Notes



## Barred Owl Sightings Sought

If you've spotted a barred owl in Utah, Frank Howe, avian program coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources would like to hear from you.

That's because there's a potential for hybridization between barred owls and spotted owls, a threatened species, says Howe. If that potential exists in Utah, he'd like to know it.

Howe can be reached at UDWR offices, (801) 538-4764 or [frank-howe@utah.gov](mailto:frank-howe@utah.gov).

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## Bioneers

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open space; water quality; fair trade; family health and wellness; sustainable buildings; Hispanic and migrant issues; and cultural diversity.

As part of the conference, evening and social events are also planned. The Friday evening event includes multi-cultural food and entertainment and on Saturday evening there will be a contra dance with band.

For local conference and registration information, see <http://extension.usu.edu/bioneers>. Registration is ongoing.

# Audubon Calendar

October 2004

**2 Quarterly Roadside Cleanup.** Some years ago BAS assumed responsibility for cleaning up the litter along a stretch of highway west of Richmond. It is currently time to discharge this responsibility again. We thus put out a special plea for your support. When we have a strong turnout, we are able to take care of this assignment in short order, and we have fun in the process. Meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot between Caffé Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 E. 150 North) in Logan. Bring gloves if you have them, and wear clothing suitable for this time of year. Bags and safety vests will be provided, as well as gloves for those who have none. Carpooling will be available. Some may wish to do a little birding afterwards, if you do, bring binoculars and something to snack on. For more information, call Dick Hurren (435)734-2653.

**6 BAS Board of Trustees Meeting.** Bridgerland Audubon's Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Wednesday at the offices of Bio-Resources, 135 E. Center, Logan. All interested are invited to attend.

**9 Visit to Cache Valley Historical Barns.** An effort is underway to preserve barns of special historical significance in Cache Valley. Join us as Lisa Goede takes us to some of these beautiful structures that are part of our heritage and tells us about their historical significance and uniqueness. Meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot between Caffé Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 E. 150 North). Bring something to snack on and binoculars if you have them, because we may see some barn owls and other bird species of interest. For more information call Lisa at 752-9650 or Dick Hurren at (435) 734-2653.

**14 General Meeting with Speaker Butch Brodie, USU Biology Department.** Dr. Brody is local expert on newts. He'll talk to us about his research on these enigmatic amphibians, their behavior, toxins and predators. Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Logan City Library's meeting room, 255 N. Main St., Logan.

**16 Stone Soup Canoe Trip on the Bear River.** Kind of a pot luck on water. Meet Saturday at 8 a.m. at the parking lot between Caffé Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 E. 150 North) in Logan to paddle the Bear River from the Preston/Weston Bridge to Cornish. LeRoy Beasley will provide the basics for a soup, and you are encouraged to bring something to add to the pot. Bring binoculars, water, and warm clothing, along with your boat. Boat can also be rented from USU Outdoor Recreation, Trailhead Sports, or Muddy Road Outfitters. We'll return mid-afternoon. For more information, call LeRoy Beasley 753-7491 (home) or 797-3248 (office).



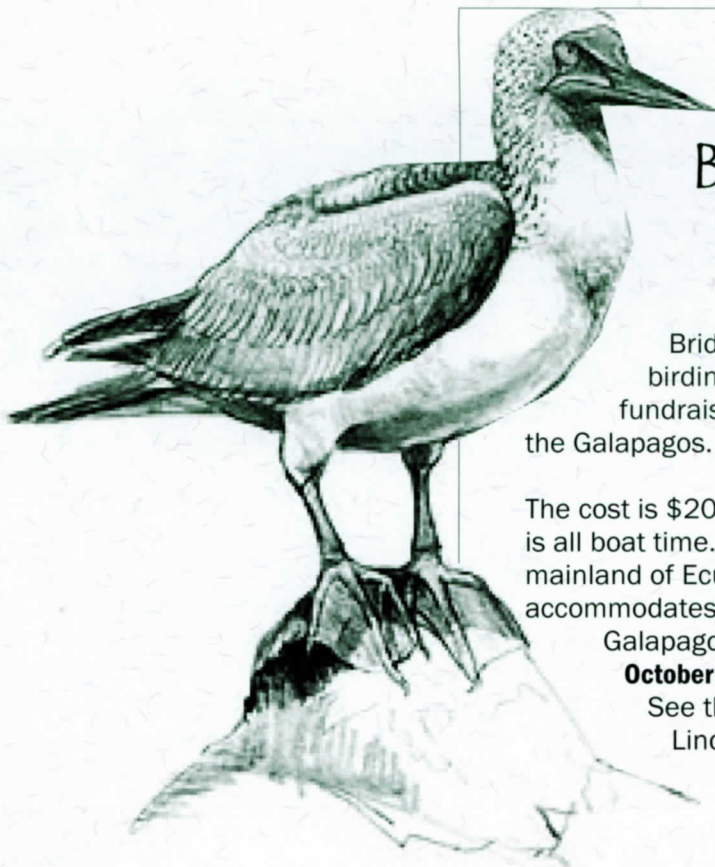
*If you'd like to come along on a field trip but do not have binoculars, call Dick Hurren (435) 734-2653. He'll try to find a pair for you to use.*

## 23 A Wild Ride through the Wilds of Western Box Elder County.

In response to requests from some of last year's participants, we are offering this outing again this year. One participant call it, "the funnest field trip" he had ever been on. If you've never been to western Box Elder County, you owe it to yourself to come on this one. We'll be putting in quite a few miles, so be prepared, it's worth it. We'll head out to the Spiral Jetty and Locomotive Springs via Golden Spike National Monument. Then we'll come back northeast to Snowville and have a late lunch at Molly's Restaurant (or bring your own lunch) before returning to Cache Valley in fairly late afternoon. Bring binoculars and plenty of water. Meet Saturday at 8 a.m. at the parking lot between Caffé Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 E. 150 North) in Logan. Carpooling will be available. For more information, call Dick Hurren (435) 734-2653.

## 30 Fall Birding for Beginners.

Join us as we hit some of the places in Cache Valley where birds hang out at this time of year. The trip will be geared for beginners and we'll take time to learn the identifying characteristics of the birds we'll see. Experienced birders are also encouraged to come to help the less experienced. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot between Caffé Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 E. 150 North) in Logan. Bring binoculars and a snack. Carpooling will be available. This will be a good family outing and kids are most welcome. For more information, call Dick Hurren at (435) 734-2653.



## Galapagos Birding Adventure News

Bridgerland Audubon is booking a wonderful birding vacation to the Galapagos Islands as a fundraiser for BAS and the Charles Darwin Station in the Galapagos.

The cost is \$2005 for an 8-day, 7-night Galapagos trip. That is all boat time. Cost includes round-trip airfare to the mainland of Ecuador. There are still five cabins (each cabin accommodates two travelers) available on the June 6-13 Galapagos Cruise. The May 30-June 6 boat is filled.

**October 15 is the deadline for downpayments on the trip.**

See the September Stilt for details, or call Alice Lindahl (435) 753-7744, or email [alindahl@bridgernet.com](mailto:alindahl@bridgernet.com). We would love to have you join us!

# Welcome to BAS

## New Members

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## Renewing Members

Miiko Toelken

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Membership in the Bridgerland Audubon Society includes a subscription to *The Stilt*, as well as *Audubon* magazine. The editor of *The Stilt* invites submissions, due on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 *National AUDUBON* magazine, as a:

- New member of the National Audubon Society and Bridgerland Audubon.
- Renewing member of the National Audubon Society and Bridgerland Audubon.

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (\$20 membership dues)

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Note to new National Audubon members: To get on *The Stilt* newsletter mailing list without the usual 8 week delay, contact Susan Durham, 753-5637, sdurham@cc.usu.edu.

Prefer the local newsletter only? Send \$20 and this form to: Bridgerland Audubon Society, PO Box 3501, Logan, UT 84323-3501 for a subscription to *The Stilt*.

National Audubon occasionally makes its membership list available to selected organizations. To have your name omitted from this, please check this box.



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