



# The Stilt

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## Bridgerland Audubon Looks to the Future Seeking Input from Our Membership

The Board of Trustees of Bridgerland Audubon Society is undertaking a self-evaluation to better serve our mission and membership and we need your input and help. Here is what you can do:

**#1 - Fill out the survey included in this edition of the Stilt and mail it to:**

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or

Complete the same survey on line using our web page <http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org>.

Surveys need to be received by the Bridgerland Audubon Board by **October 7th** to be most useful.

**#2 - Join the Bridgerland Board members for a get together and potluck dinner.** Bring your favorite dish to share as well your ideas. We will have the results of our survey and would like to discuss your ideas on ways Bridgerland Audubon can best serve our membership into the future and fulfill our mission as an organization. The potluck dinner will be held from **6:00 to 8:00 at the Unitarian Church, 596 East 900 North in Logan on November 12th.**

**#3 - Volunteer to become more actively involved in Bridgerland Audubon.** We currently need officers including a president and vice president. We are always looking for good board members or people willing to jump in and become involved in one of our many committees. Also needed are people skilled in recruiting and fund raising. If you are interested in becoming involved, please come to the potluck dinner and let us know or contact any officer or board member. Our phone numbers are always listed in the Stilt and on our web page.

**# 4 - Contribute.** Bridgerland Audubon is a respected, local organization with hundreds of members that has a proven track record in our community. Each year we provide a number of quality, well attended, outings that are led by skilled naturalists, allowing individuals and families to learn about the natural world in Cache Valley and the region. Bridgerland Audubon is also very active in local issues involving conservation of wildlife habitat and the environment in Cache Valley and surrounding areas. We routinely provide funds for conservation activities of local groups and citizens and also support an environmental policy advocate to monitor the activities of our state legislature as they relate to wildlife and the environment. Bridgerland Audubon also owns and manages the Amalga Barrens Wildlife Sanctuary and helps in protection of other important natural areas by facilitating the establishments of conservation easements and wildlife habitat improvements. Financial contributions to Bridgerland Audubon are a useful way to target your charitable contribution to local efforts.

We are very proud of Bridgerland Audubon and want it to continue to be a strong, well respected organization into the future.

Please join us in this effort!

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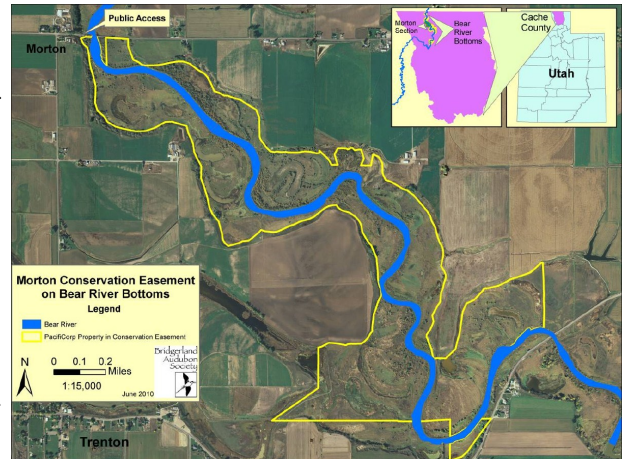
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## Bear River Bottoms Conservation Easement to be dedicated to wildlife; new land trust formed

LOGAN, Utah, June 16, 2011 — Bridgerland Audubon Society is dedicating in perpetuity its Conservation Easement for approximately 500 acres of Bear River bottomlands near Trenton, Utah, for birds, wildlife, and people. BAS recognizes all of its partners in the successful effort to establish this easement, especially Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp Energy, The Nature Conservancy, and many volunteers. BAS plans to turn over the easement to the Bear River Land Conservancy, a new land trust organization established to form and hold conservation easements throughout northern Utah.

Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp Energy, divisions of PacifiCorp, acquired these lands in 1981. The property is part of the Bear River Bottoms, an extensive area of riparian and wetland habitat along the Bear River in Cache County. Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp Energy donated the value of the conservation easement.

“Company employees and management showed great foresight in recognizing the habitat value of these riparian lands and seeking ways to secure those conservation values for the public,” said Val Grant, president of the Bridgerland Audubon Society. “Our members and volunteers have dedicated over 3,300 hours to develop baseline data, build boundary fences, and manage weeds. This spring, they have begun to restore native plant species that will provide food for birds and other wildlife. As a relatively small and local conservation organization, we certainly could not have put together such a large project without the excellent scientific and legal help provided by The Nature Conservancy. One of our key objectives is to continue working with private landowners, especially our agricultural neighbors.”



Bryan Dixon, manager of the Bear River Bottoms, also noted, “Many agencies and programs have provided funding and technical assistance to help us manage the property, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, neighboring farmers and ranchers, Utah Conservation Corps, Utah State University, and the Cache County Weed Department. Several local businesses have also provided on-the-ground resources, including Cirrus Ecological Solutions, Bio-West, Juniper Systems, and Providia.”

Dave Rayfield, a founding member of the Bear River Land Conservancy acknowledged special funding from the Intermountain West Joint Venture, a multi-state partnership of public and private conservation interests that provided essential “capacity-building” grants to help establish the local land conservancy. “Many private landowners have expressed interest in protecting their lands through conservation easements. This new land conservancy provides that capacity, and the Bear River Bottoms is one example of the marvelous good that volunteers can accomplish.”

The Nature Conservancy recognized the need to secure and protect these lands as habitat for birds and other wildlife. “This kind of riparian habitat is really very rare in the western United States, but it is rich in its wildlife values,” said Dave Livermore, Executive Director of Utah Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. “Riparian zones are critical for 75 percent of Utah’s bird species, but account for less than one-quarter of one percent of the land in the Great Basin. Land owners are essential partners in protecting these values.”

Dean Brockbank, vice-president and general counsel for PacifiCorp Energy agreed. “As a public utility, our company explicitly includes environmental protection as part of our mission and we recognize that the Bear River Bottoms are a natural treasure,” Brockbank said. “However, we are limited in what we can do to enhance these kinds of lands if they aren’t directly tied to a hydroelectric project. That’s why we’re so excited about turning over management to a local conservation group.”

The dedication took place at the Sugar Park in Amalga, Utah, on Friday, June 24, and volunteers gave short walking tours into the conservation easement to demonstrate progress so far.

## Thanks and Farewell to Val

When the president of Bridgerland Audubon Society had to step down mid-term in 2001 and Val Grant volunteered to fill that critical niche, little did he know that the job would last a decade. Val not only agreed to lead the most respected environmental organization in northern Utah, but immediately demonstrated how to “walk the talk” on every front.

He sponsored a variety of habitat acquisition and protection projects, including personally providing bridge financing in 2003-2004 for BAS to acquire our own Barrens Sanctuary, a 146-acre parcel of shorebird habitat. With PacifiCorp, we established the Wetlands Maze in Cutler Reservoir, to both protect habitat and promote wetlands education. As the chairman of the Important Bird Area Technical Committee in Utah, he organized the avian surveys that led to establishment of the Cutler Marsh and Amalga Barrens as an IBA of Global Significance. Working with Sue Drown, we created the sanctuary just west of the Logan Sanitary Landfill, a waterbird and shorebird sanctuary easily accessible to everyone in Logan. On behalf of BAS, he signed the Grant of Conservation Easement from PacifiCorp in 2009 for 455 acres of floodplain and riparian habitat at the Bear River Bottoms north of Trenton.

Val repeatedly demonstrated the value of partnerships, as when he put a rancher on our Board of Trustees and worked with the Selman family to provide unique opportunities for hundreds of people to view sharp-tailed grouse on their leks. He led the fledgling Little Bear Conservation Alliance, an organization of ranchers and landowners at the southern end of Cache Valley dedicated to better land management. Val also worked with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in an experimental monitoring program for bobolinks at the Bud Phelps Wildlife Management Area.

Under his leadership, Bridgerland Audubon has not only completed many projects, but has maintained a steady and influential voice on local conservation issues. He advocated for openness and environmental protection on proposals for energy developments, including the Twin Lakes Canal Company’s proposal to dam the Oneida Narrows, the Ruby Pipeline, and PacifiCorp’s successful alternative power line across the valley. In 1996, we won a lawsuit in federal court to force the Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor to abide by the National Environmental Policy Act.

His commitment to environmental education ensured a solid foundation for the Stokes Nature Center and he provided many fun and educational programs on birds, bats, and other beasts. Val has organized field trips to the Uinta Basin to look for rare birds, and annually mobilizes a large, enthusiastic group of volunteers for the Christmas Bird Count.

Val’s good nature and big heart are familiar to everyone who knows the man, and his ebullient manner has been the hallmark of numerous fundraising efforts by BAS as well as other charitable organizations. His willingness to step up to the plate when called, and his passion for wildlife, the environment, and his community, have made working with Val both fun and rewarding. His leadership will be missed by all of us on the Board of Trustees and we wish him the best as he makes more time for his lovely wife, Sue (a woman of eternal patience), and other pursuits in his life (mostly birding, we suspect). Thanks again for all you have contributed to Bridgerland Audubon and our community.



# Audubon Calendar

## September

**23-25** The Tetons for Elk Bugling and More. Jack Greene will organize and lead our field trip to witness the Elk Bugling in the scenic Teton Mountains. The car pool will leave at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon, September 23rd and return Sunday afternoon/evening, September 25th. Witness the Tetons in their best fall dress where rampaging large ungulates (elk, bison, moose) release their fall passion with grunts, bugling, and a nasty disposition. Fall migrating birds along with winter residents will add to the fun. Some participants choose to camp while others choose to stay in a hotel. You will need to provide your own meals. Expect anything from 40 to 80 degree weather; rain, snow, or sunshine. For more information, call Jack Greene at 563-6816.

**24** Raptor Migration in the Wellsvilles. Join birding expert Bryan Dixon as he leads you on a hike up to the crest of the Wellsville Mountains to witness one of the wonders of the avian world. Thousands of raptors migrate along the Wellsvilles during the fall migration season. On a good day, we'll see more than 100 raptors of a number of different species. We'll hike up Deep Canyon and plan to eat lunch while watching raptors drift by. The trail gains three thousand feet in approximately four miles, so be prepared and be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Bring plenty of water. Since it is usually cool and windy up on top, a change of layers, a warm sweater, and a good wind shell make the experience more comfortable. Bring binoculars, lunch, and water. Meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot between Caffe Ibis and the Logan fire station. Carpooling will be available.

## October

**14** The Big Year movie. Birding hits the big screen in this feature comedy starring Jack Black, Steve Martin, and Owen Wilson and based on the book "The Big Year" by Mark Obmascik. Three men from three different walks of life find friendship and adventure as they compete to see the most bird species in an unforgettable trek throughout North America. Email Ryan O'Donnell at [Ryan.ODonnell@usu.edu](mailto:Ryan.ODonnell@usu.edu) for details on meeting place and time to watch this movie on its opening night.

**21-23** Himalayan Snowcock Expedition. Himalayan Snowcocks are native to the high mountain ridges of Central and South Asia, but a small introduced population about 4.5 hours from Logan in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada has become a mecca for birders from the United States who want to add this large and beautiful partridge to their lists. We will be taking a weekend-long expedition from Logan to try for this species, and to look for other specialties of Nevada's high mountains, including Black Rosy-Finches and Mountain Goats. We will leave Friday evening, hike around the mountains while looking for the birds on Saturday, and plan on returning to Logan mid-day on Sunday. Most of us will plan on camping, but we can coordinate with those who would prefer to stay in a hotel. The trip is free, but participants are expected to arrange their own food and share transportation costs. All skill levels are welcome. RSVP by email to Ryan O'Donnell ([Ryan.ODonnell@usu.edu](mailto:Ryan.ODonnell@usu.edu)) by Wednesday, October 19th, to arrange details.

## November

**12** Membership Potluck Social. Mark your calendars for this important event. We will start out socializing and feasting on a potluck dinner. During the second half of the evening we will have a group discussion: a frank assessment of where we stand now and where we go from here. This is a forum for you to voice your opinions and hear from others in the Chapter. The board would really like and value your input. So bring a dish to share, your beverage of choice, summer vacation stories and thoughts about our group's future. The potluck will start at 6:00 at the Unitarian Church, 596 East 900 North in Logan.

**19** Birds of Antelope Island. Join us on a trip to Antelope Island State Park as we look for some of the early-winter specialties of the Great Salt Lake. The Antelope Island Causeway is the best place in the state to see rare birds like Long-tailed Ducks, all three scoter species, and rare gulls like Lesser Black-backed Gull, and Black-legged Kittiwake. On the island itself we will look for other winter specialties like Rough-legged Hawks, and Merlins. If time and interest allow, we will continue to Garr Ranch at the south end of the island to look for songbirds. Meet at the parking lot in front of Cafe Ibis at 7:30 a.m.; we will carpool from there. Bring a snack or lunch and a few dollars to help cover the cost of the drivers' gas and the \$9 per vehicle entrance fee. We'll plan on returning to Logan in the late afternoon.

## December

**10** Logan Canyon. Join us as we search Logan Canyon for some of the birds typical of our winter. We will start at First Dam where one can usually find both Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes this time of year, then continue up the canyon stopping at several points to look for waterfowl on the reservoirs and songbirds along the trails. Some species typical of this area include Golden-crowned Kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, and Townsend's Solitaires, but we'll also be keeping our eyes and ears out for rarer species like Pine Grosbeaks, Hermit Thrushes, and Winter Wrens. Meet at 8:30 AM in the parking lot between Caffe Ibis and the Logan Fire Station (50 East 150 North). Dress for the weather, as we'll be taking several short walks throughout the morning. We'll be back by about noon.

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## Around the Valley

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6th Annual Utah Bioneers' Evening at the Tabernacle "Having a Bad AIR Day?" October 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Ellen Eccles Performing Arts Theater.

8th Annual Utah Bioneers' Sustainability Conference "Breakdown to Breakthrough" November 3rd, 4th, and 5th at the USU Eccles Conference Center. For further information on the Utah Bioneers' Sustainability Conference and "Evening at the Tabernacle" please contact co-chairs Jim Goodwin (435.757.2352) or Jack Greene (435.797.3698) or pull up our website: <http://bioneers.usu.edu> (This year's web page will be updated in the second week of September).

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# Bridgerland Audubon Society Membership Survey

The Board of Trustees of Bridgerland Audubon Society is undertaking a self-evaluation to better serve our mission and membership needs. We need your input on our organization, including how to best serve your interests, and any ideas to make us more effective. We also need your help! Much of the current leadership has been in place for many years and we feel it is vital to get more members assisting with our activities and fundraising and some “new blood” in leadership positions.

It would be a great help to us if you would take a few minutes to complete and send this survey to the BAS address on the cover of this Stilt newsletter. It is also available electronically on our web page <http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org>. You may also receive a follow up phone call or email from a board member or officer if you indicate a willingness to help BAS grow and thrive. Results of the survey will be presented at a Potluck Dinner from **6:00 to 8:00 at the Unitarian Church, 596 East 900 North in Logan on November 12th**. To help you answer the questions below we have included our Chapter’s Mission taken from our charter.

## Mission of Bridgerland Audubon Society

To conserve, enhance, and enjoy the natural environment with special emphasis on birds and their habitats for the benefit and education of humanity and for the biological diversity of the Earth.

## Survey Questions:

1. For about how many years have you been a BAS member?
    - Not a member
    - 0-2 years
    - 2-5 years
    - 5-10 years
    - >10 years
  
  2. For the following activities, please rank how frequently you have participated. (1=never, 2= rarely, 3= occasionally, 4=often, 5=always)
    - general meetings 1 2 3 4 5
    - board meetings (these are open to the membership) 1 2 3 4 5
    - field trips 1 2 3 4 5
    - service projects 1 2 3 4 5
    - educational programs 1 2 3 4 5
    - action on conservation issues 1 2 3 4 5
    - annual banquet 1 2 3 4 5
    - Christmas Bird Count 1 2 3 4 5
  
  3. For the activities below, how do you rank their importance in terms of focus of the organization. (1= no importance, 2 = low, 3 = moderate, 4 = high, 5 = imperative)
    - general meetings 1 2 3 4 5
    - field trips 1 2 3 4 5
    - service projects 1 2 3 4 5
    - educational programs 1 2 3 4 5
    - action on conservation issues 1 2 3 4 5
  
  4. Are there any of the activities listed above that you would like to be involved in, or more involved with? If so, please explain.
  
  5. Would you consider playing a more active role in the leadership and/or activities of our Chapter? If so, please explain how and in what capacity. If you are uncertain and would like to learn more about the opportunities please let us know.
  
  6. BAS conducts periodic general public meetings where guest speakers present on various topics. Which are you more likely to attend on a regular basis – monthly meetings or quarterly meetings?
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7. Please indicate which topics speakers at our general meetings should feature. (1=never, 2= rarely, 3= occasionally, 4=often, 5=always)

- Environmental issues 1 2 3 4 5
- Nature-related travel reports 1 2 3 4 5
- Natural history 1 2 3 4 5
- Birds and other wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
- Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please indicate which of the following types of field trips you would be likely to attend. (1=never, 2= rarely, 3= occasionally, 4=often, 5=always)

- ½ day local bird trips 1 2 3 4 5
- long distance overnight trips 1 2 3 4 5
- canoe trips 1 2 3 4 5
- nonbird/other wildlife trips (e.g. butterflies, fish, ecology) 1 2 3 4 5
- Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

9. Would you be interested in helping Bridgerland Audubon with fund raising activities?

10. Please indicate your preference for receiving the BAS newsletter, The Stilt. (1=low, 2=high)

- on-line at the web site 1 2
- traditional paper copy 1 2
- email attachment 1 2

11. Please indicate how you would prefer receiving notification of events and activities. (1=low, 2=high)

- BAS Stilt newsletter 1 2
- Email 1 2
- social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. 1 2
- BAS web site 1 2
- newspaper or radio 1 2

12. Please indicate how often h you have used our webpage? (1=never, 2= rarely, 3= occasionally, 4=often, 5=always)

- 1 2 3 4 5

13. We wish to compile current phone numbers and email addresses from our members. Currently, we have only the Stilt mailing list to reach you for issues and events such as this fall potluck.

Please provide us with your contact information. BAS does not sell or share your information with other groups.

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

***Thanks so much for your time!***

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## DON'T MISS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE IN UTAH!

### 2011 Utah Bioneers' Events

#### 6th Annual Utah Bioneers' Evening at the Tabernacle "*Having a Bad AIR Day?*"

October 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Ellen Eccles Performing Arts Theater  
and

#### 8th Annual Utah Bioneers' Sustainability Conference "*Breakdown to Breakthrough*"

November 3rd, 4th, and 5th at the USU Eccles Conference Center

**BIONEERS' EVENING AT THE TABERNACLE** - One week before the start of our regular conference, on **Friday, October 28th**, we will present our 6<sup>th</sup> annual free and open to the public Bioneers' event at the Ellen Eccles Performing Arts Theater from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The theme is, "*Having a Bad Air Day?*" LDS historian and wonderful teller of stories, **Kenneth Godfrey** will talk about stewardship of the earth. Our keynote speaker will be **Brian Moench, M.D.**, a Salt Lake City anesthesiologist who is also president of the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment. He is an expert on the damage airborne particulate matter can cause to humans. Our evening will conclude with a brand new, first time performed program from the popular **Fry Street Quartet**. They are well known in Utah and across the nation. Their new program is entitled "*Crossroads*." It will combine their music, imagery and narration, all dealing with the crossroads we humans are facing regarding which path we are going to take. Will it be towards a more sustainable healthy world, or with our heads firmly planted in the sand of a toxic world? We have produced five excellent "down town" programs as a gift from the Bioneers' to our northern Utah public. This may well be our best production. We think this is a not-to-be-missed evening. Please join us.

**BIONEERS' SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE ON CAMPUS** - Our main sustainability conference will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and all day Saturday on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our theme and program will be based on the Three Es of Sustainability: Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Economy, and Sustainable Social Equity. This year we will shorten it by simply saying "People, Planet and Profit = Solving the Problem." As with our Tabernacle "Evening," we will spend a good deal of time on air quality here in Cache Valley. We will have an expert panel comprised of **Dr. Randy Martin**, well known USU air quality expert, **Dr. Ed Redd**, Deputy Director of the Bear River Health Department and others. **Dr. George Handley**, BYU Professor of Humanities, will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Handley has written and spoken extensively on environmentalism.

At the heart of every Utah Bioneers' Conference are the powerful and informative plenary speeches given by nationally and internationally recognized sustainability experts at the national conference in California. We'll show them by DVD. It is a stellar lineup of presenters who bring the latest ideas and technologies that can strengthen nature and promote healthy life on the planet. (We are happy to loan out those DVDs TO you and your organization.) There will be other breakout sessions led by Utah experts on alternative energy, green business, sustainable agriculture, how to move thought to action, and much more. Join us for one, two or all three days.

For further information on the Utah Bioneers' Sustainability Conference and "*Evening at the Tabernacle*" please contact co-chairs **Jim Goodwin (435.757.2352)** or **Jack Greene (435.797.3698)** or pull up our website: <http://bioneers.usu.edu> This year's web page will be updated in the second week of September).





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### 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.

My check for \$20 is enclosed (this is a special first-year rate).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send all checks payable to National Audubon Society with this card to:



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PO Box 422250  
Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250  
Membership Source Code: COZW520Z

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Bridgerland Audubon Society, PO Box 3501, Logan, UT 84323-3501 for a subscription to *The Stilt*.



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## In Memoriam – Dick Hurren

**D**ick Hurren, a long-time Bridgerland Audubon Member and good friend to many of us, recently lost his battle with cancer. Dick served on the BAS Board of Trustees and also did a great job as our Outings Coordinator for years. During this time he led many birding field trips for BAS and provided wise council on the board. His passion for birding, straight talking style and big smile will be just a few of the things we will remember about Dick. Our condolences go out to Dick's family. We will miss him.