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Boulder County Audubon Society Newsletter

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Windmills, Puffins, Eagles, and Glass Birds: Boulder Audubon Summer Activism

For the first time that we know of, Boulder County Audubon had a booth (and new canopy tent) Memorial Day weekend at the Boulder Creek Festival. Connie Holsinger organized a dozen volunteers who handed out newsletters and sold glass birds and note cards, while answering literally hundreds of questions about bird sightings and chapter activities. Thank you volunteers!

Boulder County Audubon treasurer Richard Stromp attended the Audubon Leadership Workshop in Hog Island, Maine, August 13-19. In addition to the Atlantic puffin sightings, Richard enjoyed connecting with other chapter leaders: "It was a fantastic week that included ample time to relax, watch birds, star gaze, and meet enthusiastic chapter leaders. Staff gave presentations on their programs that included Important Bird Areas (IBA), Education, Audubon at Home, and Policy. Most of these we are already involved in. We recently had our first IBA approved, we work with schools through Audubon Adventures, Connie leads our Audubon at Home program, and we are active in both local and national issues. One item of discussion that I want the chapter to work on is strategic planning. This is a fundamental part of any organization and our objectives need to be clearly defined."

Linda and Jean-Pierre Andes-Georges, Ken Strom, and Steve Jones represented Audubon at a July Greeley County Commissioners hearing to review plans for a 300-tower Windmill Farm just northwest of the Pawnee Buttes. We supported Colorado Division of Wildlife recommendations to place all the windmills at least a quarter mile from the edge of the chalk bluffs escarpment, one of Colorado's prime sites for cliff-nesting raptors. The commissioners were not convinced. However, we will continue to talk with the company proposing the windmills. At least the current plan calls for no windmills within 800 m of active or historic prairie falcon or golden eagle nests.

A half-dozen members testified at recent meetings concerning the Eldorado Mountain/Doudy Draw trails plan. While we are pleased that the plan calls for a continuation of seasonal wildlife closures and protection of some natural areas, there are three areas of the plan that disturb us. A new trail bisecting the habitat conservation area on Eldorado Mountain west of the Denver Feeder Canal will dump large numbers of hikers into one of the last areas of refuge for black bears, mountain lions, and other large mammals in the OSMP system. The plan proposed to allow dogs-on-leash in the natural area east of the canal, which is designated in the Visitor Plan as closed to dogs. The plan proposes opening the handicapped-accessible Fowler Trail to mountain bikes. If you'd like to comment or have questions, contact conservation chair Linda Andes-Georges.

We wrote letters opposing mechanical predator control in wilderness areas and supporting U.S. Forest Service roadless area designations in Colorado, and we signed a petition supporting the Endangered Species Act.

A half-dozen volunteers continue to enter monthly wildlife inventory data onto Excel spreadsheets. We've entered 100 species and have 200 to go. We could still use more help.

Our Walker Ranch bluebird trail volunteers had another great summer, with more than 100 bluebirds fledging from the nest boxes. (See article on page 6.)

Many Boulder County Audubon members participated in cliff-nesting raptor monitoring on Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks lands. Two golden eagle nests fledged one young; two peregrine falcon nests fledged at least four young; and four prairie falcon nests fledged 19 young. In addition, two bald eagle nests on Boulder open space fledged four young; and two osprey nests fledged three young. These nesting successes are testimony to the hard work of dozens of volunteers.

Thank you all!

- Steve Jones

BCAS 4th Tuesday Program Series

**Tuesday, September 26,
7:30 PM**

**Glenn Cushman
*Bhutan -- Where They Seek
'Gross National Happiness'***

See page 2 for description

**Tuesday, October 24,
7:30 PM**

To be announced. Check
<http://www.boulderaudubon.org>

The program will also be announced and described on the BCAS/BCNA email list, Nature-Net. See page 2 for more about Nature-Net.



**Asian Barred Owl
- Glenn Cushman**

**Tuesday, September 26,
7:30 PM**

**Glenn Cushman
Bhutan -- Where They Seek
'Gross National Happiness'**

Glenn Cushman will show images from an April trip with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to the Buddhist kingdom of Bhutan. The 10 "Auduboners" traveled the only road that traverses the country from west to east crossing many high passes with rhododendron trees 30 feet high and views of 20,000 foot peaks called "the foothills of the Himalayas." The show features shots of sunbirds, shrines, and scenery and includes hornbills, ibisbills, minivets, Himalayan griffons, fire-tailed myzornis, langur monkeys, and colorful festivals and people.

Glenn is a retired aerospace engineer whose photography has been published and is co-author with his wife, Carol, of Boulder Hiking Trails. The new 4th edition includes all color photography by Glenn.

**Refreshments and Socializing before the meetings at 7 PM
Program at 7:30**

Meeting are held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, 5001 Pennsylvania Ave. (off 55th St. between Arapahoe and Baseline)

Nature Net

The Nature-Net is the BCAS-BCNA e-mail announcement and discussion group. The Nature-Net has been a great success in "getting the word out" about local environmental issues.

Some of the Nature-Net topics and policies:

- Principal topic: Boulder County (local) conservation issues, BCAS and BCNA field trip announcements and reports, and anything to do with public lands or nature in Boulder County.
- Boulder City/County government and other non-profit environmental organizations may post announcements.
- No commercial advertising, political candidate endorsements, file attachments, or anonymous messages.

For more about Nature-Net, see <http://www.boulderaudubon.org/naturenet.htm>. To subscribe, send a blank message to nature-net-subscribe@yahoo.com.

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Email address for submissions:
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Color pictures in the Web version of *On the Wing*:
www.boulderaudubon.org

Field Trips

Saturday, September 23: Meet at 8:30 AM at Rabbit Mountain for a short hike to the Little Thompson overlook to watch for migrating raptors. Bring water and snacks. We will return around noon. Call leaders for info: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662. (wjohnston@att.net)

Sunday, October 1, 4:30 - 8:00 PM

Steve Jones (stephen.jones@earthlink.net) will lead an evening hike and picnic on the Green Mountain West Ridge Trail (2.5 miles round trip). We should see lots of migrating birds and a bright, waxing moon. Meet at the Chautauqua Ranger Cottage parking area (the first lot as you enter Chautauqua Park, west of Baseline and 9th) at 4:30 PM. Bring portable food for yourself or to share with the group.

Sunday, October 8, 8 AM to Noon

Avian Autumn Migrants: Join Scott Severs for a leisurely walk along the White Rocks Trail to search for migrating wrens, thrashers, kingbirds, and warblers. We'll also look for migrant and late season butterflies and dragonflies. Meet at 8a.m. at the Teller Farms Trailhead, on Valmont Rd about 1/2 mile west of 95th St on the south side of the road. Bring outdoor basics: sunscreen, water, and bug repellent. For info call Scott at 303-684-6430 rostrhamus@aol.com

Field Trip Reports

all by Steve Jones

Walker Ranch Breeding Bird Survey

Our **June 20** breeding bird survey on the Meyers Homestead Trail yielded 47 species, including nesting Williamson's Sapsuckers, Mountain Bluebirds, Western Bluebirds, Vesper Sparrows, and, unfortunately, Starlings. We were pleasantly surprised to find a singing Lincoln's Sparrow, a Brewer's Sparrow, and two male Lazuli Buntings in the willow thicket a half-mile up the trail.

The data are being compiled by Laura Osborn, who has adopted the area for the ecosystem stewardship project. Laura also volunteers for the highly successful bluebird nest box monitoring project in Meyers Gulch. Look for more ecosystem steward breeding bird and butterfly trips next spring and fall.

Participants: Paula Hansley, Tim Henson, Elaine Hill, Steve Jones, Cherie Long, Laura Osborn, Sue Cass.

Wilson's Warbler
Long Canyon
G. Oetzel

(BCNA Bird-song
class, July 1)



Field Trip Reports - continued

Crossbills and Other Forest Birds of Shanahan Ridge

Eleven participants hiked up Shanahan Ridge **April 29** looking for red crossbills and early migrants. We heard distant crossbills from the beginning and a large flock passed high overhead, but we didn't get any good looks until we emerged into the burn area above the loop trail. There we stood right in the middle of a large mixed flock of crossbills, pine siskins, nuthatches, chickadees, chipping sparrows, and Townsend's solitaires--probably 100 birds in all. A western bluebird flitted from a dead branch just in front of us, and then a pair of crossbills landed on the same branch and we saw the brick-red male stuffing seeds down the gullet of a streak-breasted juvenile. This was a fairly momentous event, as red crossbills have never actually been "confirmed" nesting in the Boulder Mountain Park.

On the way down we enjoyed close-up views of a family of blue-gray gnatcatchers foraging in a fragrant plum thicket. Large bunches of sand lilies were blooming beside the trail, along with scattered Nuttall's violets, golden banner, musineon, Astragalus shortianus, erigeron, chickweed, western wallflowers, lesquerella, and a disturbing amount of myrtle spurge.

Birds: Turkey vulture, mallard, mourning dove, hairy woodpecker, northern flicker, Steller's jay, blue jay, black-billed magpie, American crow, common raven, mountain chickadee, black-capped chickadee, pygmy nuthatch, white-breasted nuthatch, red-breasted nuthatch, blue-gray gnatcatcher, golden-crowned kinglet, ruby-crowned kinglet, western bluebird, Townsend's solitaire, American robin, European starling, spotted towhee, chipping sparrow, red-winged blackbird, western meadowlark, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, red crossbill (50+), house finch, pine siskin.

Birds and Butterflies of Upper Gregory and Long Canyon, 29 July

Gorgeous views of pine whites and a doe with two spotted fawns highlighted this Saturday morning walk up Long Canyon. Hundreds of fritillaries were nectaring on monarda, prairie coneflowers, and thistles, so we got to practice our fritillary identification. Most appeared to be northwestern (hesperis), but there were a few Aphrodites and perhaps one coronis sprinkled in. Other butterflies included Weidemeyer's admiral, thicket hairstreak, hoary comma, common and small wood nymph, dun skipper, woodland skipper, and taxiles skipper.

We got an exquisite look at a warbling vireo nest with young, three feet off the ground in a small aspen; observed twittering families of hairy woodpecker, plumbeous vireo, brown creeper, and spotted towhee; and heard lots of nuthatches and crossbills. Another good ponderosa pine cone crop in the works suggests that the crossbills will be around again this winter.

Participants: Jan Chu, Bill Fink, Janet Hanley, Jeremy Hurst, Steve Jones, Roberta Kienzle, Peggy Oakes

BOULDER COUNTY WILDLIFE INVENTORY, FEBRUARY - MARCH 2006

Gillian and Alex Brown, 4560 Darley Avenue, Boulder, CO 80305

Coverage for both February and March 2006 was spotty with few birders in the foothills but many observing the influx of gulls and the continued presence of Rosy Finches in Allenspark. This ended up with above average number of bird species for both months but breaking no records: 98 in February and 118 in March. Signs of spring were definitely present both months with the first Mountain Bluebirds seen on 20 February heralding the arrival of the first spring migrants. Shorebird migration seemed to start early with six shorebird species seen in March. The first Greater Yellowlegs, American Avocet and Lesser Yellowlegs were seen on the 6th, 21st and 25th of March respectively. While none of those dates are the earliest that those species have been seen, that all three species were sighted so early is definitely notable.

Two of the more unusual species seen are both candidates for being possible escapees. A Northern Bobwhite was seen after a gap of one year and Gyrfalcon was seen for the first time since 1995 and is only the third record for the inventory. An increasing number of Bald Eagles are now remaining in the county over the summer and the total number of these birds seen in March was barely less than the number seen in February, whereas most Bald Eagles used to have migrated northwards by March. We hope to find many more of these birds successfully breeding in the county. Barn Owls are another bird which have increased their breeding range to include Boulder County. A camera inside the nest site at Valmont Reservoir allowed the public to view these beautiful birds at close quarters.

Eurasian Collared Dove and Great-tailed Grackle are two potential "junk birds" which are here to stay. It will be worth watching what effect they have on the more common Mourning Dove and Common Grackle. Certainly it seems that most, but not all, of the grackles that winter are Great-tailed. Some previously common species such as Evening Grosbeak are now worthy of note when they appear. Although all three Rosy Finches (Gray-crowned, Black and Brown-capped) were seen both months at Allenspark with less than four Black Rosy Finch reported, the ratio of Gray-crowned to Brown-capped varied widely with different observers at different times reporting both as the more prevalent. March also appears to be the changeover month for shrike species, with the winter Northern Shrike being replaced by our breeding Loggerhead Shrikes. Both species were seen in March 2006. Care has to be taken as a few Loggerhead Shrikes are known to winter in Colorado.

Many observers spent time scanning the hundreds of gulls on our eastern reservoirs and many were rewarded for their efforts. Nine species of gull were seen over the two months: Franklin's, Mew, Ring-billed, California, Herring, Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed, Great Black-backed and Glaucous. Of these the single Great Black-backed Gull is probably the most unusual. There were several comments on a few pink Ring-billed Gulls; supposedly the pink tinge to the birds is caused by their diet.

BOULDER COUNTY WILDLIFE INVENTORY, APRIL - MAY 2006

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April and May are always exciting months for birders with the joy of seeing returning migrants and the chance of seeing something really unusual. Birders are active and as usual we received many reports of sightings. Overall coverage, particularly in the mountains, was down on previous years, partly because there was no Boulder County Birdathon this year, although several observers held their own versions of "big days". This year shorebird migration seems to have been strong with the only common species missed being Western Sandpiper. Unusual species included Black-bellied Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone (last seen in 2004), White-rumped Sandpiper (last seen in 2003), Stilt Sandpiper (2003), and Red-necked Phalarope. The Boulder Reservoir area seemed particularly productive for shorebirds. The number of warbler species was low (sixteen) but included Blue-winged Warbler (last seen in 2004), Northern Parula, at least three Black-throated Gray Warblers, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler (last seen in 2004), Ovenbird, and Worm-eating Warbler (last seen in 2002).

By the end of the first week of May duck numbers had decreased dramatically with only a few stragglers lingering into the second week. There were enough reports at Walden Ponds to track the daily decline of such species as Gadwall and American Wigeon. Cattle Egret was reported for the first time since 2004. White-faced Ibis arrived in the county in huge numbers on April 17 - I had hoped to tie this arrival in with the passing of a cold front but unfortunately can see no such evidence as this entire period was warmer and drier than normal. One Glossy Ibis was reported at this time.

Other less usual species included a Caspian Tern seen at Walden Ponds and last reported in the county in 2002. Barn Owls are known to be nesting in several locations. Black-chinned Hummingbirds were reported in north Boulder; these birds are more usually seen in August during fall migration. An Eastern Phoebe was the fifth record for the county and also last seen in 2002. Three separate Gray Flycatchers were seen. Brown Thrasher was reported both months after a gap of a year. An Eastern Towhee has apparently been wintering in a north Boulder yard; this is only the second report of this species to the inventory. The previous sighting was in December 1999.

For the highest number of bird species to be seen in May, both shorebird and warbler migration needs to be strong and overall coverage needs to be excellent so that no common species are missed. While May 2006 certainly did not meet all these criteria, and was nowhere near the record number of 243 species seen in May 2002, the 219 bird species reported to the inventory made for a respectable list. In addition 154 bird species were reported to the inventory in April.



AUDUBON ADVENTURES is an environmental education program for children in grades 3 to 6. Developed by professional environmental educators, AUDUBON ADVENTURES presents basic, scientifically accurate facts about birds, wild-life, and their habitats. It comes packaged as a Classroom Kit serving 32 students. The program is used by classroom teachers, after-school program coordinators, and others.

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Because of increasing pressure on teachers to conform classroom content to mandated academic achievement standards, Audubon Adventures Classroom Kits include documents that correlate to specific sections of the academic achievement standards. The content is aligned with the national standards for the language arts and science.

The Education Committee met over the summer to finalize plans for outreach to teachers in Boulder Valley School District. Mary Balzer and Maureen Lawry (co-chairs) will be contacting the 3rd to 6th grade teachers by mid-September to offer them the National Audubon Society's *Audubon Adventures* teacher's kit, which is designed to supplement the science curriculum in each classroom. Each kit includes an Audubon poster, four seasonal newsletters, a resource manual for hands-on activities, a class certificate for participation, and a brochure on bird feeding basics. All information is in alignment with national educational standards for each grade. Themes for the kits this year are:



- Home Is Where the Nest Is!
- The Buzz about Native Bees
- Bats: Mammals on the Wing
- Wild about Birds featuring "The Legacy of John James Audubon."

The response from teachers was great last year: 34 kits were purchased by our chapter for the teachers, and the feedback was extremely positive.

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Inventories *(continued)*

For a complete list of sightings please go to www.audubon.org/inventory.htm

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BCAS Nestbox Monitoring Project

Boulder County Audubon Society volunteers are contributing to one of the most successful efforts ever undertaken to reverse a species decline by monitoring nest boxes at Walker Ranch/Meyers Gulch county parks. We are collaborating with Boulder County Parks and Open Space; BCAS volunteers are also registered as BCPOS volunteers. See <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/> for more about the transcontinental program.

The local gains are apparent as well. In the 1980s, the Western Bluebird was considered "rare and declining" in Boulder County, meaning that there were fewer than 3 known nesting pairs. That is no longer the case.

During the 2005-06 seasons, Denny Morris, a BCPOS Wildlife Technician, has relocated or replaced boxes as necessary and performed most needed box repairs. Eight new boxes in 2006 replaced substandard boxes noted in '05, thanks to Eric Albright and his student from Compass Montessori High School, Andrew Davidson. In addition to the replacements, some boxes were relocated. We started the season with 45 boxes. During the season we observed Mountain Chickadees and Mountain Bluebirds contesting a box, so another was added, making for two happy bird families.

While the focus of the program is bluebirds, other cavity nesters also benefit. The table shows the species using the boxes in 2006, the number of nests for each, and the number of chicks fledged.

SPECIES	NESTS	FLEDGED
Mountain Bluebird	17	80
Western Bluebird	11	43
Tree Swallow	3	5
Violet-green Swallow	1	3
Mountain Chickadee	1	7
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	7
House Wren	3	21

The nests are at an elevation of about 7300 feet, so nesting is a bit later than in many parts of the country. Bluebirds start building nests around the first of May and lay their first eggs in mid-to-late May. Once the first egg is laid, another is added each day, typically for three to five more days. Brooding starts when all the eggs have been laid, so that all will hatch on the same day, 12-14 days later. The chicks fledge 18 to 21 days after hatching.

Nestboxes - continued

Volunteers check the boxes approximately weekly, noting dates of nest building, egg laying, hatching and fledging, as well as any problems that may occur. The data are recorded on spreadsheets during the season. News of developments on the various trails is passed around via email, which helps maintain everyone's interest. In late August Denny Morris collects the spreadsheets, adds details about the box locations and construction, and sends everything to a national database at Cornell University.

Volunteer Monitors: Marti Oetzel, coordinator; Cathy Comstock; Nancy Consolloy; Marty Dick; Gene Ellis; Shirley Kurc; George Oetzel; Laura Osborn; Paul Parker; Joyce Takamine.



Mountain Bluebird - G. Oetzel
More pictures: www.boulderaudubon.org

Boulder County Nature Association Offers New Mammal Tracking Class

Marty Colon, who studied with legendary tracker Tom Brown and has taught nature field classes for more than 20 years, is offering his mammal tracking workshop this fall through the Boulder County Nature Association. See details, below, or visit the organization's web site: www.BCNA.org/education

Mammal Tracking, with Marty Colon

Learn how to identify any North American mammal's footprint based on the evidence revealed by a single track. This experiential workshop blends theory with immediate application, giving students the ability to identify tracks in the field and to continue learning and improving on their own.

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BCAS at the Boulder Creek Festival

BCAS ventured into new territory in May with a booth at the Boulder Creek Festival. The volunteers enjoyed the cover of the new tent that also protected the books, greeting cards, and other items that were on sale. Small toy birds that made appropriate calls when squeezed were popular with children. Sales were only part of the objective of the booth. In spite of heat and sometimes wind, many visitors stopped to talk with the volunteers to learn about Chapter activities. With migration in full swing, sharing stories of bird sightings was also popular. The Chapter thanks all the volunteers who worked over the Memorial Weekend allowing us to re-connect with our grass roots activism.



Boulder Creek Festival booth

L to R: unidentified visitor, Ann Tagawa, Jim Guerin, and Richard Stromp

Thanks to Gardeners

Many thanks to those who joined in weeding the Wes Sears Memorial Garden this summer. The garden is located in front of the Unitarian Universalist Church, where we hold our monthly program meetings. Come early to the Sept meeting and see how it has changed in the past year.



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However, BCAS receives only a small amount of your dues from NAS to support local activities. We encourage you to join BCAS to help support local activities.

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