

Wingtips

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESCOTT AUDUBON SOCIETY

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2009 Scholarship Winner Announced

Skylar Flood graduated from Chino Valley High School in May. He received the Environmental Scholarship of \$1000 from Prescott Audubon Society at his school's convocation on May 19th. Skylar aspires to be an architect specializing in "green" building. He will begin college at Yavapai CC this fall with plans to complete his undergraduate degree at the Arizona State University. His family lives "off the grid" in a passive solar home. He says, "I hope I can help other people experience living in a house that does not have a negative impact on the environment." Skylar was involved with Future Farmers of America for four years. One project helped him understand how farming practices deplete soil and how to use conservation to reverse soil deficiencies. He was chairman of a committee to help create a Chino Valley history museum at the Cooper Agriculture Center. He also worked for a contractor helping install solar water heaters and home heating.

The Environmental Scholarship is made possible by generous PAS members. Thanks to all of you!!

Prescott Audubon Presents Science Fair Awards

The following students were presented with a \$25 check from the Prescott Audubon Society for their work in the Science Fair:

Kindergarten: Sidney Hall - Lincoln School, Prescott:
"Big Seed, Little Seed"
2nd Grade: Sofie Linsky - Puente de Hozho,
Flagstaff: "Hummingbird Menu"
3rd Grade: Mary Kayser - Sacred Heart School,
Prescott: "Is Lake Water Safe to Drink?"
4th Grade: Edward Enyart - Taylor Hicks,
Prescott: "Is Acid Rain Changing the World Around Us?"

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Activities & Announcements

Please contact the individual trip leader to let them know you are going on a particular trip. (This does not apply to bird walks at Highlands Center or Watson Woods.)

June

3-7:30 a.m. Trail 396 and Goldwater Lake

Meet at the White Spar Safeway parking lot for this morning only trip. We will bird along Trail 396 from Senator Highway to Goldwater Lake. Contact Steve Burk (771-0307) if you plan to attend.

6 National Trails Day

Meet at Mile High Middle School. Bird walks are offered at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30. See article on page 7 of this issue.

13 - 7:30 a.m. Highland Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highland Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

27 - 7:30 a.m. Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. We will bird the lake and the woods in this morning only outing.

July

10 - 6:00 a.m Williams, AZ area including Garland Prairie, J. D. Dam Lake, Lake, Scholz Lake, Pomeroy Tanks, White Horse Lake

Meet at the Chino Valley Safeway for carpooling. We will look for Purple Martin, Band-tailed Pigeon and some waders are possible. Lakes visited will depend on the water level at each lake. We will travel through prairie, ponderosa and Gambel Oak habitat. Call Steve Burk or Doug Iverson for details. Please bring a lunch. We will scout for ice cream species at Twisters on this 3/4 day trip.

11 - 7:30 a.m. Highland Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highland Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

25 - 7:30 a.m. Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. We will bird the lake and the woods in this morning only outing.

August

5-9 Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival

Sierra Vista, AZ

8 - 7:30 a.m. Highland Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highland Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

22 - 7:30a.m. Watson Woods Walk

Open to the public. We will meet in the parking lot at the Peavine trailhead. We will bird the lake and the woods in this morning only outing.

28 — 7:00 a.m. Prescott Recharge Ponds

We will visit the Prescott Recharge Ponds near the airport if conditions are good. Otherwise we will bird the Chino Valley area in this morning only outing. Contact Steve Burk for final details (771-0307).

September

3 -7:00 p.m. Prescott Audubon Board Meeting

Meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

12 - 8:00 a.m. Highland Center for Natural History Bird Walk

Meet in the Highland Center parking lot on Walker Rd. Kathy Wingert will lead this morning only outing. Open to the public.

Participation in Prescott Audubon Society (PAS) field trips is voluntary; any injury or illness while on an outing is the responsibility of the participant. Food, drink, and other creature comforts are not provided by PAS. Car pooling is done so fewer vehicles are driven. PAS assumes no liability for accidents, injuries, damage to vehicles, or loss of property in vehicles while on the field trip. Compensation for drivers of private vehicles is suggested as follows: 25 cents per mile for roundtrip mileage. This total reimbursement is to be equally divided amongst the passengers. This compensation is meant to cover vehicle depreciation, routine maintenance, as well as gasoline.

Reminders:

- Stay behind the leader.
- Wear neutral clothing.
- Bring water, lunch, and sunscreen.
- Avoid loud voices and slamming of doors.
- Don't forget binoculars!

Prescott Audubon Society's monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, September through May, 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Park Ave. & Copper Basin Rd. (630 Park Ave.), Prescott, Arizona. The Board of Directors now meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the same location, at 5:30 p.m. Audubon members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. The exception is the September board meeting on 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

***** Visit our website at www.prescottaudubon.org *****

LEARN ABOUT PRESCOTT'S BIRDS!

Yavapai College is offering a Fall 3-credit-hour course during an 8-week session titled Birds of the Region I. This is an introduction to local birds and their habitats and habits. It also covers bird identification and basic bird biology. The class meets on Friday mornings (Aug 28 to Oct 16) with 5 Thursday half-day field trips. For more information about the course call the instructor, Bonnie Pranter, at 445-7502 or go to www.yc.edu.

FALL FESTIVAL SHIRT SALE

25% OFF

Crew neck T's \$12.00

Was \$15

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At September Audubon Meeting!

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Former Scholarship Students Excelling

by Sharon Arnold

How can five pages of enthusiastic reports from three former Environmental Scholarship recipients be condensed into a few paragraphs? Perhaps it is best to highlight each student.

2006 Cody Watson

Cody started the first recycling effort at Prescott HS. He aspires to be a photographer who helps further conservation causes. After two years at Yavapai Community College, Cody spent last year in Belgium where he will attend Hogeschool Gent University next year to continue his photography studies. He participated in a project to plant one million trees in Flanders and took photos for the project. He noted that he hasn't had to initiate any kind of recycling project in Belgium, because they "...already exist in full stride in nearly every facet of the country."

2007 Kayla Mueller

After Kayla's many high school achievements at Tri-city Prep, she found she still had lots to learn. At NAU, after some serious thought, she decided to major in Political Science and minor in International relations. She says, "This was a difficult decision since I am not a fan of politics or politicians. However, the more I learned about both environmental and social justice issues, I saw just how much influence that not only politics but also global politics have. I believe that learning the system is one of the best ways to change the system. Our global relations and political system desperately need change in order to protect all life." She has taken advantage of several opportunities to travel and volunteer abroad.

2008 Natalie Bedard

Natalie, a graduate of Prescott HS, just finished her first year at NAU and feels that she made the right choice for her major and school. She is pursuing her interest in the field of hazardous waste management and remediation. She took 18 credits both semesters and will be a junior at the end of the semester next fall. She works as a research lab assistant under the direction of a chemistry professor. In September she will begin helping freshman adjust to university life and help with student retention in the Honors program.

Prescott Audubon Society invested in each of these outstanding students, and each one is already doing us proud.

Prescott Audubon Chooses New Officers

At the May 28, 2009 PAS general meeting the following slate of officers and Board members were nominated and elected, or continued in their current positions:

President — Russell Duerksen

Vice-President – Terry Steinborn

Secretary – Doug Iverson

Treasurer – Delores Manburg

Board members: Harry Allen, Betsy Arndt (new), Steve Burk, Bob Gessner, Pat McNiven. Art Manburg and Jan Gebhard have completed two terms on the PAS Board. Their service to PAS is greatly appreciated and we look forward to their continued impact upon PAS in other capacities.

Opinions expressed by authors in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the policy of the National Audubon Society or Prescott Audubon Society.

Mohave County Bird Sightings April and May 2009

DeeDee DeLorenzo

Lesser Nighthawk (FOS) 4/11 in Mohave Valley by Helen Howard
Canvasback, Common Loon, Eared Grebe, Peregrine Falcon, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Lucy's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Lark Sparrow 4/14 Havasu NWR by DeeDee DeLorenzo
Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Bufflehead, Yuma Clapper Rail (3), Solitary Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Bell's Vireo, Phainopepla, Yellow Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting 4/24 Havasu NWR by DD and Judith Porter
Common Loon (8-10) 4/25 at Mesquite Bay, Lake Havasu by Troy Corman et al
Black-crowned Night-Heron (3), Swainson's Hawk, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, Semipalmated Plover, Red-necked Phalarope, Western Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, Blue Gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle's), Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Yellow-headed Blackbird 4/26 Pintail Slough and Beal Lake, Havasu NWR by TC et al
Ash-throated Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Cactus Wren, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Horned Lark, Curve-billed Thrasher, Crissal Thrasher, Orange-crowned Warbler 4/29 Silver Creek Road (Bullhead City) by DD and Tedi Tumlinson
Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, American White Pelican, Redhead, Green Heron (3), White-faced Ibis, Semipalmated Plover, Willet, Spotted Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser Nighthawk, Vaux's Swift, Western Wood Pewee (FOS), Summer Tanager 5/1 Havasu NWR by DD and Jan Parrot
American Wigeon, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Pintail, Bufflehead, Virginia Rail, Sora, Solitary Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Horned Lark, Barn Swallow, Black-headed Grosbeak 5/9 Pintail Slough and North Dike (HNWR) by DD and Bren Dismuke
Gambel's Quail, Sora, Anna's Hummingbird, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Yellow Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, Bullock's Oriole 5/9 at the Cactus Garden (LH State Park) by Michael Rourke
Canada Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, White-throated Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Violet-green Swallow (15), Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Marsh Wren 5/9 Topock Marina to Castlerock by HH
Great Horned Owl (3), Costa's Hummingbird, Gilded Flicker, Warbling Vireo, Violet-green Swallow, Cactus Wren, Canyon Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, Green-tailed Towhee, Canyon Towhee, Black-throated Sparrow, Lesser Goldfinch 5/9 Red Ghost Canyon (Kingman) by JP
Inca Dove, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bronzed Cowbird 5/9 residential area, Kingman by JP
Cooper's Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker, Gray Vireo, Plumbeous Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Virginia Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Grace's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Black-chinned Sparrow, Gray-headed Junco, Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskin 5/9 in the Hualapais by Paul Mackesey
Gila Woodpecker, Gilder Flicker, Western Flycatcher, Townsend's Warbler, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole 5/9 in Havasu Heights by Kathleen Blair
Common Loon, Cooper's Hawk, Gray Vireo, Cliff Swallow (100+) 5/9 at Davis Camp and Katherine Landing by Allen Eaton and Paula Wansa
White-tailed Kite 5/11 Highway 93 near Dolan Springs by HH
American White Pelican (60+), Eared Grebe, Least Bittern, Whimbrel, White-throated Swift, Brown-crested Flycatcher (FOS), Cassin's Vireo, Summer Tanager, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Hooded Oriole 5/15 Havasu NWR by DD
Red-tailed Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike, American Pipit 5/21 Boundary Cone Rd., Mohave Valley by DD and HH

Report your Bird Sightings to
Dee Dee DeLorenzo at (928)758-2707

*All sightings in this column are tentative in nature as they have not been confirmed
except by the individual reporting them to Dee Dee DeLorenzo.*

Yavapai County Bird Sightings April and May 2009

Bob Thomen

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 3/25 Skull Valley at Bob Pearson's FOS		Black-throated Blue Warbler 4/21 Granite Dells by SB
Long-eared Owl 3/26 Watson Woods by Mike Nicosia Cas-T	Chipping Sparrow , Lazuli Bunting (25) 4/6 Skull Valley at BP's	Franklin's Gull, Caspian Tern 4/23 Willow Lake by Pat Sperry
Common Loon 3/27 Willow Lake by Steve Burk FOS	Hooded Oriole 4/9 Skull Valley at BP	Black-headed Grosbeak, American Goldfinch 4/23 Skull Valley by BP FOS
Baltimore Oriole 3/28 Skull Valley at BP's	American White Pelicans (15) 4/10 Willow Lake by SB	Calliope Hummingbird 4/26 at Nancy McMahan's
Rufous Hummingbird; Bullock's Oriole; Brown-headed Cowbird 3/28 Skull Valley at BP's FOS	Western Kingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Summer Tanager, Bullock's Oriole, Northern Cardinal 4/10 Agua Fria NM by MN FOS	Nashville Warbler, Zone-tailed Hawk 4/27 Aspen Creek by Kathy Wingert
Calliope Hummingbird 3/28 Skull Valley at BP's FOS	Red-breasted Merganser (7), Blue-winged Teal, Snowy Egret (4), Wilson's Snipe (4) 4/11 Recharge Ponds by SB	White-winged Dove 4/27 at SB's
Yellow Warbler; Common Yellowthroat 3/28 Watson Woods by MN FOS	Common Loon 4/11 Watson Lake SB	Red-necked Phalarope, Baird's Sandpiper (2) 4/27 Recharge Ponds SB
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 3/28 Willow Lake FOS	Black-crowned Night-Heron, Cassin's Kingbird 4/11 Watson Lake by MN FOS	White-throated Swift, Wilson's Warbler, Lark Sparrow 4/29 Skull Valley by BP
Cedar Waxwing, Osprey, Cliff Swallow 3/28 Watson Woods by SB	Caspian Tern, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher 4/12 Watson Lake by SB	Pine Siskin 5/2 Skull Valley by BP
Hammond's Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo 3/29 Agua Fria NM by MN	Marbled Godwit 4/12 Recharge Ponds by SB	Northern Goshawk, immature 5/2 Goldwater Lake by MN
Painted Redstart 3/31 Ponderosa Park by Karen O'Neil FOS	Black-throated Sparrow 4/13 Skull Valley at BP FOS	Indigo Bunting 5/6 at NM's
Lucy's Warbler 3/31 Skull Valley by BP	Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Wilson's Phalarope (2) 4/13 Recharge Ponds by MN	Black Tern 5/7 Willow Lake by Bob Thomen
Yellow-headed Blackbird (3) 3/31 Watson Woods by MN FOS	White-faced Ibis (15) 4/14 Recharge Ponds by SB FOS	Stilt Sandpiper (2), Red-necked Phalarope (3) 5/7 Recharge Ponds SB
Townsend's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Plumbeous Vireo, Cassin's Vireo 4/4 Agua Fria NM by MN FOS	Virginia's Rail, Sora (2) 4/20 Watson Woods by MN	Snowy Plover (2) 5/8 Recharge Ponds by SB
White-winged Dove 4/5 at Pat McNiven's Cas-T	Summer Tanager, Common Black-Hawk 4/20 Granite Dells by SB	Greater Pewee 5/8 Kendall Camp by SB
		Wild Turkey (3), Flammulated Owl, Whip-poor-will 5/9 Spruce Mt by MN
		Cattle Egret 5/9 Willow Lake by SB

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Report your Bird Sightings to
Bob Thomen at 778-1005

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Common Merganser (4) 5/11 Watson Lake by SB

Yellow-breasted Chat 5/13 Skull Valley at BP's FOS

American White Pelican(~60), White-winged Dove 5/16 Willow Lake by PS

Wilson's Phalarope (3) 5/16 Willow Lake by BT

Bronzed Cowbird(2) 5/19 Skull Valley by BP

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/19 Ho-Kay-Gam by Carol Rawlings

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Black-headed Grosbeak 5/19 at Nancy McMahan's feeder in one photo

White-winged Dove 5/22 at Jim Morgan's

Canada Goose(5) 5/23 Willow Lake by BT

Hooded Warbler, Dusky-capped Flycatcher 5/25 Aspen Springs by Carl Tomoff

White-winged Dove 5/28 Ho-Kay-Gam by CR

The City of Prescott celebrates National Trails Day with the opening of the Granite Creek Trail on June 6, 2009

This year, the City of Prescott will host a day of events to celebrate the opening of Granite Creek Trail as part of the larger Prescott multi-mile Greenways Trail System. Winding through Prescott's historic downtown lush cottonwood/willow riparian corridor, trail users will be able to easily access popular shops and cafes, while enjoying unexpected beauty and serenity within Prescott's busy urban environment.

Activities are scheduled throughout the day. A kick-off celebration will begin at Mile High Middle School at 8 am with a walking tour led by City of Prescott Parks staff along with bird walks led by the Audubon Club members. Other events include live music, historic re-enactments, spontaneous art creations, art and craft demonstrations and exhibits, exploration activities for children and adults, and more....

Public invited! Come hike, bike, bird watch, explore a new section of the Granite Creek Trail connecting you to your favorite downtown shops and restaurants, or just hang out creek-side under shady trees.

Where: Between Mile High Middle School and Granite Creek Park. Carleton Street just west of Montezuma—free parking.

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009
Hours: 8-noon
Walking Tour: 8, 9 and 10 am
Bird Walks: 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 am

Contact: Laurel Freeman

Abbreviations

FOS - First of Season
LOS - Last of Season

After an observer's name has once been used, initials are substituted for the name.

Black-throated Blue Warbler (photo taken by Steve Burk on 4/21/09)

To join the PAS Rare Birds Hotline and receive notification of rare birds contact Sue Burk at burkstu@cableone.net



IBA NEWS

by Karen O'Neil

The volunteers for our **three** IBA (Important Bird Area) projects (in two different IBA's—Watson-Willow Ecosystem IBA and Upper Verde Wildlife Area IBA) have been very busy this year with more to come! In March, volunteers completed the four census surveys of Watson and Willow Lakes for the 2008-09 winter season.

In January, a transect survey was completed on the Watson Woods/Granite Creek section of the Watson-Willow Ecosystem and also along the upper Verde River and lower Granite Creek—the survey routes in the Upper Verde Wildlife Area. In March, volunteers learned to use a GPS and established “points” (permanent locations from which to count birds) in the Upper Verde Wildlife Area. They also completed the first point count survey on the Upper Verde Wildlife Area. A second point count survey was completed in late May.

The “points” in Watson Woods were established in the IBA monitoring plan (they include most of the monitoring wells in Watson Woods). In May, two transect surveys were completed on each of our two IBA locations. Point count surveys are scheduled in Watson Woods in both June and July, and in July at the Upper Verde Wildlife Area.

Additional transect surveys are scheduled for late August, mid-September, and mid-November for each of these two IBA's. By December, when wintering water birds are here in Prescott, it will be time to start the census surveys of Watson and Willow Lakes again!

The Watson Woods/Granite Creek surveys are done not only for the benefit of the IBA program, but also as part of the Watson Woods Restoration Grant developed by Prescott Creeks. Prescott Creeks and its granting agencies are interested in learning about the impacts of the restoration of Watson Woods on the bird populations and diversity there. If you take a stroll along Granite Creek in Watson Woods, you can see the changes made in Granite Creek and the hundreds of plantings of cottonwood and willow trees, many of which are already sprouting leaves!

The Important Bird Area Program, a National Audubon Society program in the United States, is a vital way to monitor birds in areas known to be important for the survival of birds. Volunteering with this program is a concrete way in which birders can put their skills at bird identification to work in the effort to help protect the prime habitat needed for birds to carry on their lives. All the data collected at our two IBA's is sent to the Arizona IBA program which in turn puts it into a data base that is available on-line for any and all who might benefit from reviewing the data. The website for obtaining this data is www.aziba.org. It is helpful to know the dates of surveys. If anyone is interested in obtaining those dates or volunteering to participate in this program please contact Karen O'Neil at 778-3018.

Thank You a thousand times over for dozens of hours of volunteer time to the following Auduboners: Barb Houser, Bonnie Pranter, Cathy Koehler, Carl Tomoff, David Moll, Eric Moore, Joanne Oellers, Julie Appletree, Kathy Wingert, Kati Anderson, Keith Archibald, Linda Berg, Marty & Pat Sperry, Mark Riegner, Micah Riegner, Mike Nicosia, Natalie Houghton, Nancy & Art Silacci, Nancy McMahan, Norma Jenkins, Pat McNiven, Phil Smith, Rob Hunt, Russell Duerksen, Sally Ohanesian, Sharon Arnold, Steve & Sue Burk, Sue Drown, Valerie Phipps, Walt Anderson, and Karen O'Neil.

PAS Thanks Our Wonderful Members

Prescott Audubon is so appreciative of its members who contribute both financially and with their time to support our programs. In addition, we thank Russell Duerksen and those who attend his trips which also support our chapter's activities. Without them, our efforts to educate others about birding and to help them enjoy the environment and nature would not be as successful as they are. Thank you all – your kindness is very much appreciated!

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Sullivan Count Birdathon

By Doug Iverson

Everyone is probably vaguely familiar with the Sullivan Count that takes place on the first week end of May each year. There have traditionally been two teams, one led by Russell Duerksen, and one led by Roy Houser. The event is essentially a "birdathon", so remember your teenagers hitting you up for contributions to their "swimathon" or "bowlathon" and you have the general idea. It is also very similar to what many avid birders call a "big day". You are trying to identify as many species in one day as you can.

The Sullivan Count has always been a major fundraiser for our Prescott Audubon chapter, but contributions have lagged in recent years, so we are asking you to think about making one or two specific efforts.

You could form a "birding" team made up of your favorite birding companions, often one car load, and plan to do a "big day" next May by covering as many habitats as you can, all in Yavapai County. That is the easy part. Each participant also attempts to get as many contributors or sponsors as possible, who either pledge a certain amount per species of bird identified, or a fixed amount for the day. So, we wanted you to be aware of the procedure ahead of time.

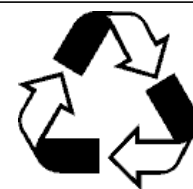
The other possibility, of course, is to volunteer to be a contributor. You would make the participants job easier to do. All proceeds are contributed to the education fund of our chapter which makes possible the science fair, high school and college scholarships and awards we provide for deserving students who have an interest in pursuing environmental careers.

The Audubon board, and members of the two existing teams, are also issuing a challenge to all of our local birders. How about forming one or more new teams? You will provide yourself with a very enjoyable day, and can help fund the many worthwhile services our chapter provides to the local community.

We will alert you to other chapter fundraising ideas in future Wingtips. Thanks for listening.

The bird lists and participants from this year's (2009) Birdathon will be published on the Prescott Audubon website during the month of June.

Save your cans for Prescott Audubon Society!



Easy Audubon Fundraiser

Aluminum cans are still being collected to benefit our education efforts. Please bring them to the meeting OR call Roy at 445-7212 and he will pick them up OR you can drop them off at 59 Wildwood Drive. This also includes copper and brass items.

Thanks, Roy Houser (aka - Aluminum Can Eddie II)

Help your local Audubon chapter by simply recycling your copier and printer cartridges! You may bring any of these cartridges (except Epson) to the monthly program meeting, drop them at Jay's Bird Barn, or deliver them directly to Think 4 Inc at 324 S. Montezuma. The Prescott chapter has an account at Think 4 Inc, so just ask them to add your contribution to their total. If you have further questions please contact Doug Iverson at 541-9304. Thanks for caring.

CHAPTER-ONLY MEMBER APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM

Membership Includes: 5 online issues a year of Prescott Audubon's newsletter, *Wingtips**

All memberships now begin September 1 of the current year to August 31 of the following year.

100% of your dues stays in our Chapter to support our local education, conservation, and recreation projects

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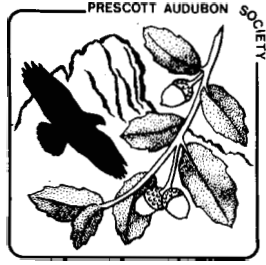
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