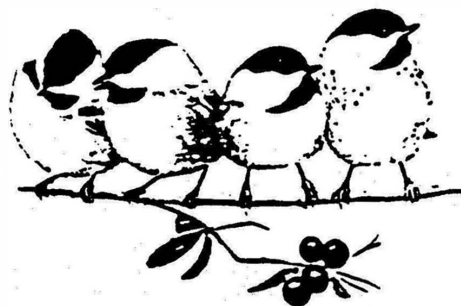


BOULDER BIRD CLUB NEWS



Fifty-four Years Dedicated to the Field Observation of Birds

April, May, and June, 2001

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What's in a name? A recent change has done away with the name Oldsquaw in favor of Long-tailed Duck. Beyond making the name consistent with that used in Europe, this change will apparently make it easier to promote conservation of the bird among native Americans of the far north. While Long-tailed Duck is a rather mundane name, it was the common name used for the bird in the U.S. until about 1900. I have a friend who named his boat after another old common name for the bird, the South-southerly. That name, like many others, was likely developed by hunters and describes one of the bird's characteristic calls. As birders, we will all adapt to the new official name, even while perhaps bemoaning the loss of the more colorful name we grew up with.

I recently had the opportunity to review a list of sighting records from the Boulder Bird Club for the years 1948 through 1950. The number of "old" names in use at the time was impressive. Some may have been in common usage only locally (Black-eared Nuthatch?), while others were accepted common names of the day. In some cases the names of birds seen in Boulder may have identified subspecies. When have you last seen a Montana Great-horned Owl or a Desert Horned Lark? Just for fun I put together a quiz of 10 species listed in these old records. All of these are either the accepted species name in the 40's or alternate common names I could verify from an old field guide. A couple are familiar to most birders, but others are a little more challenging. Look for the equivalent, current common names upside down on page 3.

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| a. Olive-backed Thrush | f. English Sparrow |
| b. Sparrow Hawk | g. Long-tailed Chickadee |
| c. Baldpate | h. Willow Thrush |
| d. Arkansas Goldfinch | i. Rocky Mountain Jay |
| e. Pileolated Warbler | j. White-rumped Shrike |

While changes in common names may drive birders a little crazy (my birding has spanned the change from American Egret, to Common Egret, to Great Egret), the old names are often interesting and contribute to the rich history of birding.

Pete Plage

A USGS report, "Obsolete English Names of North American Birds and Their Modern Equivalents" is available at:
<http://www.pwrc.nbs.gov/research/pubs/banks/obsall.htm>

MAY 12 - BIRDATHON

The Boulder County Audubon Society's Bird-a-thon will be held Saturday, May 12th. This is the year's major fund raiser for BCAS, raising up to \$15,000 annually for important bird-related projects. Teams of three or four compete in searching for the most bird species in Boulder County. There is a minimum \$50 pledge for teams to participate, and major prizes are awarded to the top fundraisers. If you would like to join a team or form your own team, contact Bill Kaempfer [kaempfer@colorado.edu, 303-492-6923 (w) or 303-443-3175 (h)] for more details.

APRIL 27 - ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Friday, April 27, 2001, 7:00 pm
Golden West Manor - 1055 Adams Circle, Boulder
Mark your calendar now for the annual BBC Spring Meeting. Rich Levad, of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, will give a slide presentation on "Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory Special Monitoring Projects" and opportunities for community volunteers to get involved.

Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share. BBC will provide beverages. Golden West Manor is located off 30th Street between Baseline and Colorado Ave. Turn west on Euclid which becomes Adams Circle. Parking is on the streets. Be sure to enter the building on the east side.

MAY 12 - INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

International Migratory Bird Day focuses attention on one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird, its journey between its winter and summer home. The event is celebrated by groups throughout North and Central America. Join in the celebration at Cottonwood Marsh, Walden Wildlife Habitat, between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on May 12. We will be setting up scopes and keeping a list of species seen from a site near the parking lot. The Wild Bird Center will have a booth set up to provide information and sell IMBD items. Profits will be contributed to the Boulder County Audubon Birdathon, which occurs the same day.

The 2001 IMBD t-shirt features a shade-grown coffee scene with warblers prominent. The Partners in Flight logo and IMBD 2001 are on one sleeve, and Boulder Bird Club on the other. Shirts will be available at the Spring Meeting and at First Sunday Birding on May 6. Contact Peter Plage at [pjplage@aol.com] to reserve a shirt.

GREENWOOD SANCTUARY SEEKS BIRD LOVERS

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary, located on Highway 66 just east of Lyons, is growing by leaps and bounds, caring for approximately 4,000 wild animals each year. About 80 percent of those are birds, and the sanctuary is seeking volunteers who are knowledgeable about birds.

Greenwood's mission is to rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife and return these animals to their original habitat. Volunteers also work to educate the public regarding humane interactions with wildlife. The organization depends solely on donations, since it receives no government funding. It also depends on volunteers for most of the work done at the sanctuary each day.

Volunteers attend a one-hour orientation and work with supervisors on feeding and treating birds and mammals, and each volunteer usually works a four-hour shift once a week or twice a month. Please call Beth McKnight at 303-823-8455 for more information. The website is www.greenwoodwildlife.org

IN MEMORIAM

The Boulder Bird Club expresses its sympathy to Jim McKee, whose wife Jan died January 6th, 2001. In Jan's memory, the club will donate a copy of *Red-tails in Love* by Marie Winn to a local library.

BIRDING FOOTNOTES

Roberta Kienzle and Peggy Oakes spent two weeks in Hawaii this winter. On a hike to Kaena Point State Natural Area Reserve (Oahu) they saw Laysan Albatrosses nesting in dune scrub vegetation. Traps had been set nearby to snare predatory mongooses. In the stunning setting of Kilauea Point Lighthouse National Wildlife Refuge (Kauai), they observed a large colony of Red-footed Boobies on nearby cliffs. Additional albatrosses sailed by, as well as Great Frigate birds, and both Red-tailed and White-tailed Tropicbirds. Nene Geese "grazed" the area and in a nearby field was... a Western Meadowlark! Humpback whales were visible offshore and a pair of endangered Hawaiian monk seals were enjoying the "touristy" beach at Poipee.

An article by Ruth Carol Cushman on bird petroglyphs, "Precursors of Peterson," has been published in the online magazine *Western Birder*. It can be accessed at <http://www.westernbirder.com>. She also has an article in the March issue of *Bird Watcher's Digest*.

Jo and Ferd Dirckx, Myron and Suzi Plooster spent four days in New Mexico during January/February, where they visited Bosque Del Apache and points further south such as Elephant Butte, Caballo Reservoir, Percha Dam and Las Animas Canyon. They saw around 94 species. Jay and Helga Sproul also went to Bosque during January.

BBC member college-age member Jaymie Arnold will be moving to Tucson this summer, where he will be attending the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy program. He hopes to hear from and see BBC

Arizona. Arnolds in Boulder will have address and phone info.

In February, Jan Chu spent 8 field days in Costa Rica on a project to identify as many butterflies as possible in the dry tropical forest of Area de Conservacion Guanacaste. She accompanied Dr. Paul Opler and his wife, from Ft. Collins, who were continuing this project from the 2000 rainy season. "Our group of four, including Dr. Ray Stanford, Denver, collected from the Pacific Ocean shore at Fila Santa Elena to the highland cloud forest on 4,600 ft Volcan Cacao. We drove a 4-wheel vehicle over mule paths, 4-wheeler ATV ruts, and non roads where cattle had grazed in the burned timber, now covered in waist-high African grasses. Dr. Opler recognized 100 species of birds and 120 species of butterflies in those eight days. Cattle Egrets, Roadside Hawks, Tropical Kingbirds, and Magpie Jays were common. I enjoyed most the Sunbittern which opened its wings out full in front of our car showing its stunning variegated pattern, the Black Vulture with its black-skin neck, the Double-striped Thick-knees standing in the open mowed fields, and the spectacular Swallow-tailed Kite. So many kinds of doves flew from the ground, and the Yellow-naped Parrot flocks chattered above us. The grandest show was displayed by a Pauraque, whose eyes reflected carmelian red as it looked into our flashlights, repeatedly fluttered just a short distance from the dorm, and looked at us again through the dark tropical night."

**BBC Trip Sightings - Dec 00, Jan 01, Feb 01
Compiled by Jay and Helga Sproul**

DATE	3-Dec	9-Dec	7-Jan	21-Jan	3-Feb	4-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb
TRIP	FS	RBC	FS	VR	MB	FS	DF	G&M
Pied-billed Grebe				X				
Western Grebe				X				
Double-crested Cormorant				X				
Great Blue Heron	X	X		X		X		X
Greater White-fronted Goose				X				
Canada Goose	X	X	X	X		X		X
Wood Duck								X
Gadwall	X		X	X				X
American Wigeon	X		X	X				X
Mallard	X	X	X	X		X		X
Cinnamon Teal								X
Northern Shoveler				X		X		X
Northern Pintail	X		X	X		X		X
Green-winged Teal	X		X	X				X
Canvasback	X		X	X				X
Redhead	X			X		X		X
Ring-necked Duck	X	X	X	X		X		X
Lesser Scaup		X		X				X
Bufflehead		X	X					X
Common Goldeneye		X	X	X		X		X
Barrow's Goldeneye								X
Hooded Merganser	X	X	X	X				X
Common Merganser		X	X	X		X		X
Red-breasted Merganser		X		X				
Ruddy Duck				X				
Bald Eagle		X	X	X		X		X
Northern Harrier	X	X						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X						X	
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Ferruginous Hawk		X		X				
Rough-legged Hawk		X						
Golden Eagle		X		X	X	X	X	X
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X		X		X
Prairie Falcon	X			X		X		
American Coot				X				X
Killdeer	X							
Common Snipe				X				
Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	X		X		X
California Gull		X						
Herring Gull			X					
Rock Dove	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Great Horned Owl	X		X			X		X
Belted Kingfisher	X		X	X		X		X
Downy Woodpecker	X				X	X	X	X
Hairy Woodpecker					X		X	
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X		X		X
Northern Shrike			X		X			X
Steller's Jay					X		X	
Blue Jay	X		X			X		X
Black-billed Magpie	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
American Crow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Common Raven	X	X		X	X	X		X
Horned Lark		X						
Black-capped Chickadee	X		X	X	X		X	X
Mountain Chickadee					X		X	
Bushtit						X		
Red-breasted Nuthatch					X		X	
White-breasted Nuthatch			X		X		X	X
Pygmy Nuthatch					X		X	
Brown Creeper	X		X				X	
Canyon Wren					X			
Winter Wren				X				
American Dipper	X		X					
Townsend's Solitaire	X							
American Robin	X		X	X		X		X
European Starling	X	X	X			X		X
American Pipit				X				
Song Sparrow	X		X	X		X		X
White-crowned Sparrow			X					
Dark-eyed Junco			X		X		X	
Red-winged Blackbird	X		X			X		X
Western Meadowlark		X						X
Brewer's Blackbird	X							X
Pine Grosbeak					X			
House Finch	X		X	X	X			X
Pine Siskin					X		X	
American Goldfinch	X		X		X			
GRAY CROWNED ROSY FINCH					X			
BLACK ROSY FINCH					X			
Evening Grosbeak			X		X			
House Sparrow				X				X
	FS First Sun. Bird			RBC Raptors of Bldr. Coun.			VR Valmont Res.	
	MB Mtn. Birding			DF Davis' Feeders			G&M Gulls & More	

SPRING BIRDING IN THE BOULDER VALLEY

Wondering where the birds are in the spring? Spring migration here is not only from the south to the north but often from the east to the west as well. As songbirds return to their nesting territories during April and early May these waves tend to merge in Boulder County. If you get out early and go to several different habitats, it is possible to see 100 species in a single day. Where to go? Here are a few suggestions:

Spring Warblers: Doudy Draw has warblers, Lazuli Buntings, Spotted Towhees, and often a rarity or two. Another good area to try is the Boulder Creek path. Try walking the path from 30th Street east, where there is less traffic. Both Gregory and Long Canyons on the side of Flagstaff are good for Vireos and MacGillivray's. Look high against the cliffs for White Throated Swifts.

Raptors: Raptor migration usually peaks during the last week of March and the first two weeks of April. It is possible to see dozens of raptors in an hour's time, including Red-tailed Hawks, Swainson's, Harriers, Golden Eagles, Turkey Vultures, Cooper's Hawks and Prairie Falcons. Hawk-watching is best in mid-morning as the thermals begin to rise. Areas north of the Boulder Reservoir are great, as is the Rabbit Mountain area. Also try the Hawk Watch ridge just south of the I-70 Morrison exit. Golden Eagles frequent the Lyons area cliffs.

Water and Shorebirds: Ducks, grebes, herons, pelicans and shorebirds all begin to return in early April. Several of our favorite spots such as Sombrero and Cottonwood may not be as good this year due to low food supplies because of drying up last summer. If so, look at all the other ponds and lakes in the area, and if we have some good rains many wet fields should have shorebirds. Don't forget Barr Lake and Union Reservoir. They often have birds when other places are lacking.

For more help finding sites, get a copy of the ABA Holt/Lane Guide, *A Birder's Guide to Colorado*, which gives specific directions to good places to bird in Boulder. Another excellent resource is BBC member Ruth Carol Cushman's *Boulder County Almanac*. Both books are available at the Wild Bird Center.

The key idea is to go out often and go to a lot of places. Good Spring Birding!

Suzi Plooster

UPCOMING CLASSES

Two birding classes are being offered this spring through Lifelong Learning: **Eagle Nest Watch** will be taught by Lynne Ihlstrom, a volunteer with Boulder Country Parks and Open Space. **Songbirds** will be taught by BBC member Wes Sears. Both classes are in May. Call Lifelong Learning at 303-499-1125 ext. 222 for more information.

ON THE WING CAMP FOR YOUNG BIRDERS

Every year the Boulder Bird Club donates money for a scholarship to "On the Wing," a residential field program offered by the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory for students ages 11-18 who are interested in birds and the environment. **Participants receive hands-on field training** and classroom instruction about Colorado ecosystems, visit an Observatory's banding station, and observe birds while exploring Colorado's diverse array of habitats. If you know someone who would like to attend On the Wing this summer, contact the RMBO, (303) 659-4348, or email shelly.morrell@rmbo.org

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:

Many thanks to the people who led trips during January, February, and March: Ray Davis, Bob Jickling, Wayne and Diane Johnson, Bill Kaempfer, Gary Matthews, Richard Mendez and Chris Owens, John Vanderpoel, and Eric Zorowowicz. Volunteer participation like this is vital to the success of the Bird Club.

SPECIES SEEN IN BOULDER COUNTY

We know that not all birders are "listers," but we print Boulder County totals for those who send them in. Not included are totals less than 50 (one birder listed just one species — Black-billed Magpie!).

Bill Kaempfer	317	Maxine Wendler	192
Suzi Plooster	280	Nancy Nuepert	188
Myron Plooster	280	Nina Davis	181
Raymond Davis	256	Maggie Winter	166
Peter Plage	254	Norm Lewis	157
Susan Ward	249	Tom Sparr	157
Ivan Getting	240	Don Cook	138
Gary Matthews	239	Catherine Griswold	138
Eric Zorowowicz	235	Laura Osborn	126
Eric Plage	234	Beth Partin	105
Debra Sparr	206	Cate Werner	60
Loch Kilpatrick	207	Jude/Tom Daly	60
Caroly Murray	200+	Marvin Woolf	54

COBIRDS E-MAIL LIST

BBC members are invited to join COBIRDS, the email list dedicated to birding in Colorado. More than 450 subscribers to COBIRDS exchange messages about recent sightings, field trips, identification and bird finding tips, and other news of interest to Colorado birders. To subscribe, send a message to the U. of Colorado at Boulder list processor using the address listproc@lists.Colorado.EDU

The message should read: subscribe cobirds your name
Confirmation and information will be sent to you.

Bill Kaempfer

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

The Boulder Christmas Bird Count was held on Sunday, December 20, 2001. A total of 131 human participants saw a total of 36,728 individual birds (99 bird species). Thanks to Bill Kaempfer for the information.

Pied-billed Grebe 27, Horned Grebe 2, Western Grebe 14, Clark's Grebe CW, Double-crested Cormorant 4, Great Blue Heron 18, Snow Goose 1, Canada Goose 14090, Gadwall 62, American Wigeon 319, Mallard 4282, Northern Shoveler 20, Northern Pintail 8, Green-winged Teal 71, Canvasback 8, Redhead 120, Ring-necked Duck 250, Lesser Scaup 6, Common Goldeneye 47, Bufflehead 6, Hooded Merganser 80, Common Merganser 543, Red-breasted Merganser 12, Bald Eagle 22 adult, 21 immature, Northern Harrier 18, Sharp-shinned Hawk 17, Cooper's Hawk 7, Northern Goshawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 119, (Harlan's Hawk) 1, Ferruginous Hawk 17, Rough-legged Hawk 8, Golden Eagle 3, 19 adult, 14 immature, American Kestrel 60, Merlin 3, Peregrine Falcon 1, Prairie Falcon 8, falcon sp. 1, Wild Turkey CW, Blue Grouse 3, American Coot 139, Killdeer 6, Common Snipe 6, Ring-billed Gull 336, California Gull CW, Herring Gull 6, Glaucous Gull CW, Rock Dove 698, Mourning Dove 22, Common Barn Owl 1, Great Horned Owl 15, Northern Pygmy Owl 1, Long-eared Owl 5, Belted Kingfisher 50, Downy Woodpecker 71, Hairy Woodpecker 31, Northern (red-sh.) Flicker 319, Northern Shrike 1, Steller's Jay 243, Blue Jay 101, Western Scrub-Jay 16, Clark's Nutcracker 17, Black-billed Magpie 891, American Crow 335, Common Raven 182, Horned Lark 101, Black-capped Chickadee 633, Mountain Chickadee 636, Bushtit 14, Red-breasted Nuthatch 206, White-breasted Nuthatch 204, Pygmy Nuthatch 354, Brown Creeper 90, Rock Wren 1, Canyon Wren 11, Marsh Wren 1, American Dipper 12, Golden-crowned Kinglet 20, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3, Townsend's Solitaire 147, American Robin 809, Northern Mockingbird 1, European Starling 3550, American Pipit 2, Bohemian Waxwing 32, Cedar Waxwing 25, Yellow-rumped Warbler 3, Spotted Towhee 34, American Tree Sparrow 296, spizella sp. 2, Song Sparrow 108, White-throated Sparrow 1, White-crowned Sparrow 103, Dark-eyed Junco 316, Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 155, (Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco) 39, (Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco) 143, (Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco) 51, (Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Junco) 85, Red-winged Blackbird 1484, Western Meadowlark 81, Brewer's Blackbird 60, Great-tailed Grackle 2 (new to count), Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 184, Black Rosy Finch CW, Pine Grosbeak 13, Cassin's Finch 5, House Finch 1315, Pine Siskin 141, American Goldfinch 207, Evening Grosbeak 88, House Sparrow 1134

ELDORADO MOUNTAIN SUPERTOWERS

Concerned about the effect the proposed supertowers on Eldorado Mountain may have on migrating birds? Check this website for more information: <http://www.EldoradoMtn.org>

Answers to Quiz: a. Swainson's Thrush, b. American Kestrel, c. American Wigeon, d. Lesser Goldfinch, e. Wilson's Warbler, f. House Sparrow, g. Black-capped Chickadee, h. Veery, i. Canada Jay, j. Loggerhead Shrike

BOULDER BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS

April 1: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leaders - Suzi and Myron Plooster (303-494-6708).

April 7 (Saturday): Barr Lake. Bird for sparrows, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Meet at the East Boulder Rec. Center** at 8:00 AM, carpool to Barr Lake, bird til mid-afternoon. Bring lunch and water. State Parks Pass required. Carpool \$1.00. Leaders - Suzi and Myron Plooster (303-494-6708).

May 2: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Eric Zorawowicz (303-439-7277).

May 5 (Saturday): Dawn Chorus. Early birds and birders meet at Walden Wildlife Habitat* (Cottonwood Marsh) at 5:00 AM, bird until 9:00 AM. Joint trip with Boulder County Audubon Society. Leader - Gary Matthews (303-447-7277).

May 6: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Joan Dawson (303-494-8252).

May 9: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Eric Zorawowicz (303-439-7277).

May 16: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Eric Zorawowicz (303-439-7277).

May 23: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Eric Zorawowicz (303-439-7277).

May 30: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Eric Zorawowicz (303-439-7277).

June 2 (Saturday): Pawnee Grasslands. Look for Mountain Plovers, longspurs, and Burrowing Owls on the grasslands. Lunch at Crow Valley Campgrounds, look for Orchard Orioles and other migrants. Home via Lower Latham area, look for rails, shorebirds, and Marsh Wrens. Meet at Niwot Park 'n Ride at 6:00 AM, bird until late afternoon. Bring snacks, sack lunch, hat and sunscreen. Carpool \$5.00. Leader ~~Don Kaempfer~~ (303-439-8005).

June 3: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Loch Kilpatrick (303-975-1485).

June 6: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - TBA.

June 13: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird til 10:30 AM. Leader - TBA.

June 20: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird til 10:30 AM. Leader - TBA.

June 27: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM, bird til 10:30 AM. Leader - TBA. Call Gary Matthews (303-447-7277) for more information on all June Wednesday Roadrunners trips.

*Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat - off N 75th between Valmont and Jay Rd to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot.

**East Boulder Rec Center - 5660 Sioux Drive, off 55th St. between Baseline & South Boulder Rd, west end parking lot.

Contact trip leaders for information on their trips. Our weather can be unpredictable. For questions about details or whether the trip will take place, contact the trip leader.

Trip Sign-Up Sheets: Everyone who attends a BBC trip MUST sign the sign-up sheet before being allowed on the trip. By signing the sheet, each person declares that he/she is solely responsible for his/her safety, and in no way will hold the Club, trip leader, or any participating person responsible for his/her safety. Sign in every time, please. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Trip Leaders: The BBC scope and two-way radios are available for use by trip leaders on all trips. Call Pete Plage (303-666-9827) and remember to return them after the trip.

Carpooling On Trips: We carpool on all Boulder Bird Club trips. Trips within city limits are \$.50 each. Countywide trips are \$1.00 each. For longer trips, we will give the amount with the trip description. Please be prepared with the right amount.

SATURDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS

The Wild Bird Center sponsors Saturday morning bird walks to different birding spots in the Boulder area. Be at the store by 7:20 AM and return by 9:45. Departure from the Boulder store on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and from the Longmont store on the 2nd and 4th. No bird walks on a 5th Saturday. Call the Wild Bird Center at 303-442-1322.

BEGINNERS' BIRD WALK

Wild Birds Unlimited is sponsoring a bird walk for beginners on May 5 (Saturday), 8:00-10:00 AM. Call 303-443-9659 for details. Led by Joe La Fleur, creator of the CD-ROM, "Better Birdwatching in the Mountain West Ecoregion."

CITY OF BOULDER OPEN SPACE/MTN PARKS HIKES

May 5 (Saturday) Colorful Travelers: Migratory Songbirds. 8:00-10:00 AM, South Mesa Trailhead. Call 303-441-4142 for more information, registration, or reservations.

BOULDER COUNTY OPEN SPACE/MTN PARKS HIKES

April 14 (Saturday) Spring Migratory Birds. 9:00-11:00 AM. Register by calling 303-441-3950 no later than April 12.
April 21 (Saturday) Birds and Rocks of Rabbit Mountain. 9:00 AM - noon. Led by Dick Pratt and Peter O'Neil. Bring sack lunch. Register by calling 303-441-3950 no later than Thursday, April 19. Geared for adults. No pets.

May 6 (Sunday) Dawn Chorus Celebration. 8:00-9:30 AM. Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh group picnic shelter. On the first Sunday each May, people around the world come together to celebrate birds and to enjoy the heralding of a new day. All ages welcome. No pets.

BOULDER COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY TRIPS

June 9 & 10 (Saturday and Sunday): Rocky Mountain National Park. Wes Sears will be camping in the park and will lead two days of birding. The group will look for Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers, Empidonax Flycatchers, all three nuthatches, and up to five sparrow species. Call Wes for details (303-499451).

June 23 (Saturday): Pueblo Area. Pearl Sandstrom-Smith will lead this trip in the Pueblo area. Possibilities include: Roadrunner, Curve-billed and Sage Thrashers, Scaled Quail, Mississippi Kite, Merlin, Burrowing Owl, Chihuahuan Raven, Bewick's Wren, Canyon Towhee, and Cassin's sparrow. Call Wes Sears for details (303-499-4751).

BBC MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

We invite you to join the Boulder Bird Club. All abilities and ages are welcome. Membership is \$6.00 per year for any number of persons at one address. Because our dues are minimal, no partial-year memberships are available. Members receive our quarterly newsletter, a 10% discount on merchandise (5% on optics) from the Wild Bird Center, a 10% discount on merchandise from Wild Birds Unlimited, and the opportunity to take part in more than 50 field trips each year - a real bargain for \$6.00. Please send your check with completed membership form to Janet Chu, 964 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter is published four times a year. We welcome news of your birding activities. Deadline for the July-Aug-Sep issue is June 10. Send articles, trip reports, and other info to Margaret Luebs, 3727 Talisman Place #D, Boulder, CO 80301, 720-564-1445 (eves) or e-mail maluebs@indra.com

Please send all address and phone number changes to Janet Chu, 964 Ravenwood Rd., Boulder, CO 80303, phone 303-494-1108, or e-mail chuhouse@hotmail.com

Please save your newsletter as a future resource for trips and activities.