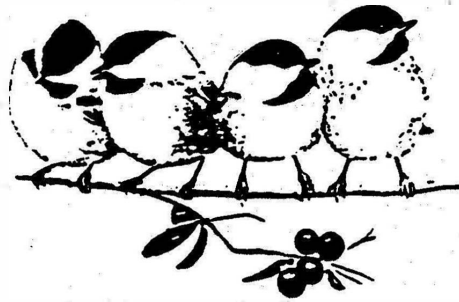


BOULDER BIRD CLUB NEWS



Fifty-five Years Dedicated to the Field Observation of Birds

April, May, and June 2002

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The sun has crossed the equator on its journey north. With it comes a rush of wings. True, waterfowl, hawks, eagles, and bluebirds have been stirring for a while. These migrants winter in our area or a little to the south and we see their movements first. But soon the tropical migrants come in increasing numbers, colors, and varieties...hawks from the Argentine pampas, warblers from the Amazon, flycatchers from Central America. We are reminded that it is not the return of "our" birds, but rather that these species spend 7 to 9 months migrating and in their true tropical homes, leading other lives. Moved by the changing season they rise into the gathering darkness (most songbirds and some other bird groups migrate almost exclusively at night), pitting ounces of feathers and flesh, fine tuned by natural selection, against thousands of miles. They come to exploit the riches of the brief northern summer.

Track their progress with our spring trips. Join in International Bird Migration Day, celebrated the second Saturday in May throughout the hemisphere. The Boulder Bird Club and the Wild Bird Center will be hosting the event May 11th, 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Cottonwood Marsh, Walden Ponds. Come for the birds, the shade-grown coffee, the camaraderie. Last year we spotted 55 species from the picnic area and more on field trips through Walden and Sawhill. It's a celebration of the seasons and the wonders of migration, as well as a notice of conservation challenges that must be faced. But mostly, it's a colorful, vocal, awe-inspiring reminder that in a worrisome and often complex world, there are things as dependable as the rising of the sun, the snows of winter, the cycle of birth and death...the birds flood back. A gift for us all to enjoy.

Pete Plage

BIRD-A-THON 2002 MAY 17 & 18

The Boulder County Audubon Society annual Bird-a-thon will be held on May 17th and 18th. Up to a dozen or more teams of three or four birders will go out in the field together on either Friday, May 17th or Saturday, May 18th in order to find as many species as they can in Boulder County during a day.

The Bird-a-thon is the top fund raiser each year for BCAS, raising \$8,000 to \$12,000 annually for Audubon causes as each team collects pledges from the community. In addition, top fundraisers are eligible for prizes donated to Audubon to help stimulate the competition. Prizes range from T-shirts and books to gift certificates for meals and products at area merchants. To participate on a team, contact Bill Kaempfer at 303-443-3175 or 303-492-6923.

CFO CONVENTION MAY 24-27 IN DURANGO

Kenn Kaufman will be the keynote speaker on "The Great Travelers: Birds and Humans." There will be great field trips, exhibits, vendors, paper sessions, book signings, and banquet. Registration prior to May 1: \$30 Members; \$40 Non-members. Late registration: \$50 for all. Banquet \$25.00 in advance only. All birders are welcome to attend and/or to join the Colorado Field Ornithologists (CFO). Many BBC members will be attending. Check out the CFO website at www.cfo-link.org for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Friday, April 12, 2002, 7:00 pm

Golden West Manor - 1005 Adams Circle, Boulder

Mark your calendar now for the annual BBC Spring Meeting. Suzi Plooster and Wes Sears will share with us slides of their "Australian Birding Adventures," and Wayne Johnston will provide a musical experience.

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.

BBC DONATIONS

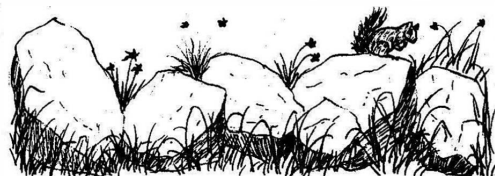
Many BBC members include a donation to the club when they write their membership checks each year. For example, many people send in \$10 instead of \$6. Here are some of the ways we have been spending your generous contributions this year:

- We contributed \$100 to the Birds of Prey Foundation. Their thrift shop is located at 1140 Pine St. (Highway 42 and Pine St.) in Louisville. They also carry a selection of Birds of Prey merchandise (shirts, etc.) (720-980-4311).
- We contributed \$100 to an account at the Wild Bird Center in support of Boulder's Growing Gardens program. This will provide feeders and seed to start a bird feeding effort on a natural area they are setting up.
- We provided sunflower seed to Red Rocks Trading Post at Red Rocks in Morrison. Stop in for lunch on the deck with a view of the feeders when you are at Red Rocks.

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION — If you wish to receive reminders of some Bird Programs and Activities via e-mail, send a note to Jan Chu at chuhouse@hotmail.com. She sends announcements "once in a while," about Boulder Bird Club activities, and as she gets notices from other sources.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:

Many thanks to those who led trips during January, February, and March: Jim and Darleen Eide, Dianna Johnston, Bill Kaempfer, Gary Matthews, and Jeff Yegian. Volunteer participation like this is vital to the success of the Boulder Bird Club.



BBC TRIP SIGHTINGS: December 2001, January and February 2002
 — Compiled by Jay Sproul

	DATE	1-Dec	2-Dec	1-Jan	6-Jan	26-Jan	3-Feb	9-Feb
	TRIP	SPR	FSB	SPR	FSB	BPR	FSB	WMB
Great Blue Heron					X		X	
Ross' Goose					X			
Canada Goose			X		X	X	X	
Green-winged Teal			X		X		X	
Mallard			X		X		X	
Northern Pintail							X	
Gadwall			X		X		X	
American Wigeon			X		X		X	
Ring-necked Duck			X					
Common Goldeneye							X	
Hooded Merganser			X					
Turkey Vulture						C		
Bald Eagle			X		X	C	X	X
Northern Harrier			X			C	X	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			X			C		
Cooper's Hawk						C		
Red-tailed Hawk		C	X		X	X	X	X
Ferruginous Hawk		A		C	X	X		
Rough-legged Hawk		N		A		X		
Golden Eagle		C		N		X	X	X
American Kestrel		E	X	C	X	X	X	
Merlin		L		E		X		
Peregrine Falcon		E		L		X		
Prairie Falcon		D	X	F		X		
Killdeer			X	D				
Common Snipe							X	
Ring-billed Gull			X		X	X	X	
Rock Dove			X		X		X	X
Barn Owl		N				C		
Eastern Screech-Owl		O		W		C		
Great Horned Owl			X	E	X	C	X	
Snowy Owl		P		A		C		
Burrowing Owl		A		T		C		
Long-eared Owl		R		H		C		
Short-eared Owl		T		E		C		
Northern Saw-whet Owl		I		R		C		
Belted Kingfisher		C	X		X		X	
Downy Woodpecker		I			X		X	
Hairy Woodpecker		P						X
Northern Flicker		A	X		X	X	X	
Steller's Jay		N						X
Blue Jay		T	X		X			
Black-billed Magpie		S	X		X	X	X	X
American Crow			X		X	X	X	
Common Raven		!!			X	X	X	X
Black-capped Chickadee			X		X		X	
Mountain Chickadee								X
Red-breasted Nuthatch								X
White-breasted Nuthatch					X			X
Pygmy Nuthatch								X
Brown Creeper					X			
American Dipper					X			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					X			
Eastern Bluebird					X		X	
Townsend's Solitaire								X
American Robin			X		X	X	X	
European Starling			X		X		X	X
American Tree Sparrow							X	
Song Sparrow			X		X		X	
Dark-eyed Junco					X			X
Red-winged Blackbird			X		X		X	
House Finch			X		X	X	X	
Red Crossbill								X
American Goldfinch			X		X			
House Sparrow						X		
No. Species (Total = 65)		0	29	0	34	29	31	16
No. Participants		0	20	0	21	21	29	16

FSB First Sunday Birding BPR Birds of Prey Rehab. Center C = Caged Birds
 WMB Winter Mountain Birding SPR South Platte River

BIRDING FOOTNOTES

BBC members who went on Bill Turner's Costa Rica Bird Trip Jan 22-Feb 3, included Roberta Kienzle, Peggy Oakes, Suzi & Myron Plooster, and Hanna & Marvin Woolf. A Great Trip! (See article on next page.)...Jo and Ferd Dirckx visited Bosque Del Apache, NM and further points south in January with great looks at zillions of snow geese, sandhill cranes and very good looks at acorn woodpeckers in Water Canyon....Suzi and Myron Plooster gave a program "Birding Here and There" for the Seniors Group at First Presbyterian Church in February....BBC member Dianna Johnston does double duty by leading trips for the BBC and doing Field Trip Scheduling for the DFO....Nice to see BBC member Paula Hansley's smiling face working at the Wild Bird Center.

Tell us about your birding activities! Email the editor, Margaret Luebs, at maluebs@indra.com or call her at 720-564-1445 (leave message) by June 10, with news of what you see this spring!

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

The 102nd Boulder Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, December 22, 2001. A total of 116 human participants saw 27,367 individual birds (100 species). Thanks to Bill Kaempfer for the information.

Pied-billed Grebe 28, Horned Grebe 12, Eared Grebe 1, Western Grebe 14, Clark's Grebe 1, Double-crested Cormorant 5, Great Blue Heron 29, Canada Goose 6019, Wood Duck 3, Gadwall 77, American Wigeon 277, Mallard 2075, Northern Shoveler 19, Northern Pintail 5, Green-winged Teal 31, Canvasback 13, Redhead 69, Ring-necked Duck 103, Greater Scaup 1, Lesser Scaup 11, Common Goldeneye 46, Bufflehead 10, Hooded Merganser 75, Common Merganser 506, Red-breasted Merganser 26, Bald Eagle 50, Northern Harrier 16, Sharp-shinned Hawk 5, Cooper's Hawk 4, Northern Goshawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 90 (Harlan's Hawk 3), Ferruginous Hawk 20, Rough-legged Hawk 6, buteo sp. 1, Golden Eagle 35, American Kestrel 58, Prairie Falcon 8, Ring-necked Pheasant CW, Wild Turkey 5, Sora 1, American Coot 267, Killdeer 2, Common Snipe 3, Ring-billed Gull 1676, Herring Gull 7, Thayer's Gull 1, Glaucous Gull 1, Rock Dove 609, Mourning Dove 5, Great Horned Owl 18, Saw-whet Owl CW, Belted Kingfisher 38, Downy Woodpecker 59, Hairy Woodpecker 24, Northern (red-shafted) Flicker 240, Northern Shrike 2, Steller's Jay 516, Blue Jay 90, Western Scrub-Jay 26, Clark's Nutcracker 28, American Black-billed Magpie 952, American Crow 850, Common Raven 200, Horned Lark 2, Black-capped Chickadee 514, Mountain Chickadee 481, Red-breasted Nuthatch 210, White-breasted Nuthatch 192, Pygmy Nuthatch 264, Brown Creeper 48, Rock Wren 1, Canyon Wren 3, American Dipper 6, Golden-crowned Kinglet 25, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, Eastern Bluebird 3, Townsend's Solitaire 169, American Robin 898, Varied Thrush 1, Northern Mockingbird 1, European Starling 3278, American Pipit 1, Cedar Waxwing 117, Spotted Towhee 36, American Tree Sparrow 114, Song Sparrow 98, White-throated Sparrow 1, White-crowned Sparrow 72, Dark-eyed Junco 505, (slate-colored 130; white-winged 24; Oregon 220; pink-sided 130; grey-headed 182), Red-winged Blackbird 1701, Western Meadowlark 44, Brewer's Blackbird 50, Common Grackle 16, Cassin's Finch 6, House Finch 880, Red Crossbill 192, Pine Siskin 131, American Goldfinch 215, Evening Grosbeak 17, House Sparrow 1002

SPRING IS HERE!

The Wednesday Roadrunners begin for the season starting May 1. Last year we averaged over a dozen people per trip. We are looking for additional folks willing to lead these local Wednesday trips this summer. Contact Gary Matthews at 303-447-1463 if you are interested.

WATERFOWL SURVEYERS NEEDED

Boulder County Parks and Open Space is looking for volunteer birders to do waterfowl surveys at lakes and wetlands in the county. Minimum commitment is twice a month, April through October. In addition to waterfowl, all other birds observed will also be recorded. The county maintains a longterm database on bird use of local wetlands and ponds. Contact Mark Brenan at 303-516-9361.

BBC TRIP LEADERS NEEDED - Would you lead a trip to your favorite habitat? Just act as the leader to take us to this area. Often other folks on the trip can help identify birds, so you don't need to know all the answers. Please call Gary Matthews (303-447-1463) to discuss details.

TWO-WAY RADIOS

The American Birding Association has recommended that birders use Channel 11, Subcode 22 for FRS 2-way radios. We recommend setting the club's radios accordingly. This way all birders in an area are "on the same wavelength."

SPECIES SEEN IN BOULDER COUNTY

The totals below are just for fun. Many of our most experienced birders don't keep lists or don't opt to submit totals (Bill - we picked yours from CoBirds to top the list...hope you don't mind). For those just starting to bird, these totals give an idea of what is possible near home. By the way, First Sunday trips at Walden Ponds produced sightings of over 100 species in 2001. Just come to all the First Sunday trips and you are sure to break the century mark on your life list!

Bill Kaempfer	318	Maxine Wendler	191
Suzi Plooster	293	Nancy/John Wiener	150
Myron Plooster	292	Beth Partin	116
Dave Waltman	264	Pat Hoadley	106
Raymond Davis	259	Bill Hoadley	105
Eric Zorawowicz	256	John Geohegan	90
Pete Plage	256	Marty Dick	84
Marje Foland	255	Philip Robertson	80
Susan Ward	249	Todd Deineinger	78
Gary Matthews	246	Marvin Woolf	52*
Eric Plage	243	Adi Cheasley	35
Ivan Getting	240	Clair/John Wiener	30
Debra Sparr	224	Christie Baryames	20
Loch Kilpatrick	221	Paul Culnan	10
Caroly Murray	200+		

* Our records show that Marvin has been reporting 52 species yearly since 1993. Could someone please show him a new bird or two?

RAPTOR CLOSINGS FOR SPRING 2002

The following areas are closed February 1 thru July 31 to protect eagle and falcon nesting and roosting sites along the Boulder Foothills: Amphitheater Rock, Skunk Canyon, Sacred Cliffs, Bear Creek Spire, North Side of Fern Canyon, Shadow Canyon, The Matron, Third Flatiron, Lefthand Canyon Palisades, Mickey Mouse Wall, Southeast end of Boulder Reservoir. For more information look at www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace or www.accessfund.org

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THINKING GREEN: BIRDING IN COSTA RICA

After a couple of dry years here in Colorado, the GREEN of Costa Rica was absolutely breathtaking. While we really went to see some of the 877 amazing birds, for some of us the greenery and flowers really filled our cup to overflowing. Peggy Oakes, Roberta Kienzle, Hanna and Marvin Woolf, Myron and I joined leader Bill Turner and guide Rudy Zamora along with six other participants on a two-week trip to Costa Rica in late January. Each of the areas we visited held its own wonderful charms, which could take pages to narrate. However, we will only mention a few, just to whet your appetite to visit this wonderful jungle realm. Naturally we enjoyed the magnificent views of the Highlands and the Resplendent Quetzals at Savegre Mt. Lodge, along with Green Thorntail, Scintillant, Volcano and Green Violet Ear Hummingbirds, and many other species of hummingbirds. In all we had 23 species of hummers on the trip.

We were fortunate to meet the noted ornithologist Alexander Skutch (aged 98) at his finca Los Cusingos, where he graciously autographed our *Field Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica* which he authored. We explored Carara National Park and enjoyed the Scarlet Macaws at Villa Lapas along with watching a boa constrictor devour his iguana meal. At La Ensenada on the Pacific Coast we had unforgettable night views of Great Potoos and enjoyed our meals watched by gorgeous Magpie Jays. The Sarapiquí area on the Caribbean Slopes surprised us with a large, delightful family group of coatis, panhandling the highway. La Selva Biological Station and Selva Verde Lodge were fantastic places to birdwatch, and watching Black Collared Manikins on their "lek" just a few yards away from our room was a thrill. On our return to San Jose we spent a day at the La Virgen Waterfall Gardens with its unbelievable array of hummers and butterflies.

Our trip yielded an amazing total of 340 species of birds seen by the group and another 40 heard, plus all the mammals and reptiles. Yet, it was the total experience of the rainforest that was so sublime. Walking in the rainforests of Costa Rica was like taking a step back in time, where the modern world is far away.

Suzi Plooster

LETTER FROM CONNIE

Hello Boulder Bird Club members. I'm Connie, the Connecticut Warbler. It was great fun for me to watch one of your members work very hard to find me in northern Minnesota last June. I could tell he was a member of your club by the green T-shirt he wore with "Boulder Bird Club" printed on the sleeve. I am very reclusive and like to hide in Black Spruce bogs. I even sung my heart out with my *tuo-a-teepo* song, but neither Gary Matthews nor any of the participants in the Vermilion City College Elderhostel program were able to find me. However, the long hours of searching and the hard work of the talented staff at the Ely Elderhostel paid off with other species. They were able to spot nineteen species of my wood-warbler friends plus other memorable birds like Boreal Chickadee and Whip-poor-will. The excitement at the Elderhostel rose to a crescendo on the last day when they found a Great Gray Owl and a Northern Hawk Owl on a nest with two chicks.

I saw Gary studying the Minnesota birding guides that Myron and Suzi Plooster loaned to him. These guides led Gary to many good sightings as he explored the State Parks of Minnesota. At Savanna Portage State Park he found Blackburnian Warblers, Alder Flycatchers, Sedge Wrens and Sharp-tailed Grouse. Gary's long days of hiking at Scenic State Park rewarded him with a Spruce Grouse and a Black-backed Woodpecker. Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge produced Le Conte's Sparrows and Least Bittern. There were nesting Piping Plovers at Zippel Bay State Park. Gary thought he finally found me at Hayes Lake State Park, but after sloshing through the bog he sadly learned it was only a Common Yellow-throat singing *wichety wichety* with a Norwegian accent.

I'll be back again in 2002 and look forward to seeing Gary and others of you who may come to Minnesota next June for the annual ABA Convention in Duluth. Maybe you'll have more luck than Gary.

Good birding,
Connie

BOULDER BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

APRIL

April 7: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Mike Sportiello (303-527-0310).

April 12: Annual Spring Meeting. Golden West Manor, 1005 Adams Circle, Boulder. 7:00 PM. (See notice on front page of newsletter for more details.)

MAY

May 1: 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: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Suzi and Myron Plooster (303-494-6704).

May 8: 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 11 (Saturday): International Migratory Bird Day. 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Activities include bird walks and a "big sit"; snacks and shade-grown coffee will be provided and t-shirts will be available for purchase. Call Pete Plage (303-666-9827) or the Wild Bird Center (303-442-1322) for more information.

May 11 (Saturday): Twin Lakes Area. Join Sharon Dooley and Davis on a search for migrants and other surprises in the Twin Lakes area northeast of Boulder. Meet at Sharon's, 4441 Driftwood Place (Twin Lakes Development), 8:00 AM. Plan to walk 3 to 4 miles on this morning bird walk. Bring lunch; Sharon will provide coffee, tea, and some sodas after the walk. Leader: Sharon Dooley (303-530-1851).

May 15: 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 18 (Saturday): Lister's Special. Has a local bird been avoiding you? We'll try to find a new species to add to your county or even life list. Jeff Yegian will take nominations for specific species and arrange a special hunt based on the winning votes. Call Jeff Yegian at 303-554-4452 or e-mail him at jyegian@juno.com to vote for the species you would like to find **BY MAY 8**. Jeff will plan a special trip based on the winning ballots. He will then inform those that call him for the time, meeting place and target species for the day. Carpool \$2.00. Leader: Jeff Yegian (303-554-4452).

May 22: 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 29: 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).

JUNE

June 1 (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 - Bill Kaempfer (303-443-3175).

June 2: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leaders - Jo and Ferd Dirckx (303-469-0405).

June 5: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Jay and Helga Sproul (303-444-5550).

June 12: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Jay and Helga Sproul (303-444-5550).

June 19: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Jay and Helga Sproul (303-444-5550).

June 22 (Saturday): Golden Gate State Park. Join Paula Hansley to look for Band-tailed Pigeons and nesting birds including Red-naped and Williamson's Sapsuckers. Follow this with a visit to Paula's home to observe her feeders while having lunch. Bring lunch; Paula will provide drinks and cookies. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** at 7:30 AM. Return by early afternoon. Carpool \$2.00 (drivers need State Parks pass). Leader: Paula Hansley (303-642-3361).

June 26: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Elizabeth Mekkelsen (303-939-0725).

*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.

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.

Scope/Radios: 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.

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.

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - celebrate Earth Day by helping construct bird houses at the Wild Bird Center store on 28th Street in Boulder. They will be donated to local open space programs or you can take one home for \$10. Please call the Wild Bird Center at 303 442-1322 if you plan to participate so they will know how much material to purchase.

BBC MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

We invite you to join the Boulder Bird Club. 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

This newsletter is published four times a year. We welcome articles, photos/drawings, poems, and of course, news of your birding activities. The editor is very grateful for all contributions! Deadline for the July-August-September issue is June 10. Send stuff to Margaret Luebs, 3727 Talisman Place #D, Boulder, CO 80301, call her at 720-564-1445 (leave message), or e-mail her at 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