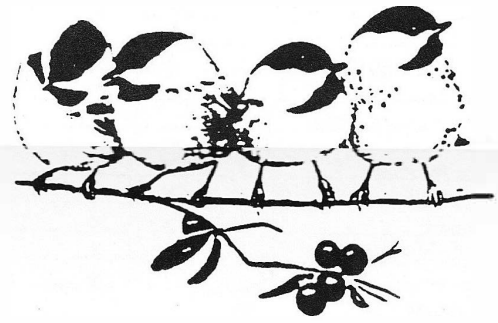


BOULDER BIRD CLUB NEWS



Fifty-five Years Dedicated to the Field Observation of Birds

July, August, and September 2002

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sights and sounds of summer: As of this writing we have just passed the longest day of the year. Dawn comes early and even in suburban Lafayette a dawn chorus persists into summer. About 4:20 the local robin announces the start of the day. The neighborhood Say's Phoebe joins in a little later.... then the House Finches. On work days I set a clock radio, but the birds are my sleep button. "The phoebe's calling, time to roll over for a few more winks before the radio comes on."

Most days I commute to Lakewood; not the best drive for observing birds. But there is this traffic light on Federal where Cliff Swallows swarm the intersection. Why they dodge in and out of the cars and what they are eating is a mystery to me. The Miller Moths have thinned out, but the swallows are still there. For an transplant from New Jersey, Cliff Swallows are such a joy. They are uncommon in most of the east.... Oops, the light turned green and the guy behind me is honking.

Coors Field, baseball, the Yankees in town, and birds? The Rockies win in the bottom of the 10th and I add American White Pelican to my Coor's Field list. Cormorants and Black-crowned Night Herons are pretty regular flyovers at Coors Field, but in the 8th inning the guy sitting next to me comments to no one in particular, "look, there's a hawk." Yes, I do bring my binoculars to the games... in this case they came in handy to provide an ID on a bird circling high above the stadium in advance of an approaching thunderstorm. The pelican set its wings and used the elevation it attained to head quickly south, outrunning the storm and perhaps feasting on fish at Pueblo Reservoir before the parking lots at Coors Field emptied.

While birds are around us to enjoy every day, please take this opportunity to plan ahead and join in on summer club outings. The next three months span the last half of the breeding season through the first half of fall migration. Join the club at the summer picnic (good food, good talk, and good birds including hummingbirds, flycatchers, bluebirds, and probably turkeys), or learn a little about other winged things on a butterfly walk. Chase shorebirds in August, raptors in September, and a little of everything on Wednesday mornings throughout the period. Check the scheduled trips and mark up your calendar. When you see me, ask me about my "best" Coors Field bird!

Pete Plage

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

International Migratory Bird Day was celebrated by the BBC and the Wild Bird Center of Boulder at Walden Ponds on May 11. Thanks to all who helped make the day a success. A total of 58 species of birds were seen from the picnic area, including Whimbrel, Semipalmated Plover, and a Peregrine Falcon that killed and ate a Killdeer as we watched. The sale of IMBD T-shirts by the club raised \$100 that was contributed to Boulder County Audubon's Birdathon.



ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, July 13, 2002

8:00 am to early afternoon

Carpool from East Boulder Rec Center, north parking lot

Mark your calendar now for the annual BBC Summer Picnic, at the home of BBC member Julie Hammerstrom. Those who feel energetic will take a bird hike to look for flycatchers and other birds. Those who feel lazy can sit in Julie's yard and watch hummers. This will be followed by lunch (bring your own, plus a beverage — many members also bring snacks or fruit to share) and a short business meeting. The highlight is always a glimpse of the wild turkey flock that frequents Julie's property. Highly recommended for new members and a chance for old members to get reacquainted. See you there!

SEP. 21 — FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT BARR LAKE

The fifth annual Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival will take place at Barr Lake State Park on Saturday, September 21, 2001, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Nature Center. See live birds in the hand at the migratory songbird banding station, go on a guided bird walk, ride the Eagle Express into the wildlife refuge, discuss birds and bird feeding with Wild Birds Unlimited experts, shop for birding supplies and yummy foods from vendors. The first guided bird walk begins at 7 a.m.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:

Many thanks to those who led trips during April, May, and June: Jo and Ferd Dirckx, Sharon Dooley, Paula Hansley, Bill Kaempfer, Elizabeth Mekkelsen, Suzi & Myron Plooster, Mike Sportiello, Jay and Helga Sproul, Jeff Yegian, and Eric Zorawowicz. Volunteer participation like this is vital to the success of the Boulder Bird Club.

WEDNESDAY ROADRUNNERS

The BBC Wednesday Roadrunners began for the season on May 1. We are looking for additional folks willing to lead these local Wednesday trips in September. Contact Gary Matthews at 303-447-1463 if you are interested.

The Oven Bird

There is a singer everyone has heard,
Loud, a mid-summer and a mid-wood bird,
Who makes the solid tree trunks sound again.
He says that leaves are old and that for flowers
Mid-summer is to spring as one to ten.

He says the early petal-fall is past
When pear and cherry bloom went down in showers

On sunny days a moment overcast;
And comes that other fall we name the fall.

He says the highway dust is over all.
The bird would cease and be as other birds
But that he knows in singing not to sing.
The question that he frames in all but words
Is what to make of a diminished thing.

— Robert Frost

DATE	3-Mar	16-Mar	7-Apr	1-May	5-May	8-May	12-May	15-May	22-May	29-May
TRIP	FS	EC	FS	WR DD	FS	WR BVR	TL	WR GC	WR SMT	WR DD
American White Pelican						X				
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X		X		X			X
Black-crowned Night					X					
Snow Goose		X								
Canada Goose	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Green-winged Teal	X	X	X		X					
Mallard	X	X	X		X		X		X	
Northern Pintail	X	X	X							
Blue-winged Teal			X		X					
Cinnamon Teal	X		X		X					
Northern Shoveler		X	X							
Gadwall	X	X	X		X					
American Wigeon	X	X	X		X					
Canvasback		X								
Redhead		X	X							
Ring-necked Duck		X	X							
Lesser Scaup		X	X							
Common Goldeneye	X	X								
Bufflehead		X	X							
Hooded Merganser			X							
Common Merganser		X								
Turkey Vulture			X			X	X	X		
Bald Eagle	X	X							X	
Northern Harrier	X	X	X		X	X				
Sharp-shinned Hawk								X		
Cooper's Hawk									X	
Swainson's Hawk					X					
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Ferruginous Hawk		X								
Rough-legged Hawk		X								
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Merlin	X									
Ring-necked Pheasant		X								
Wild Turkey		X								
Virginia Rail					X					
American Coot		X								
Semipalmated Plover					X					
Piping Plover							X			
Killdeer		X	X		X		X			
American Avocet					X					
Lesser Yellowlegs					X					
Greater Yellowlegs		X								
Spotted Sandpiper					X					
Semipalmated					X					
Western Sandpiper					X					
Least Sandpiper					X					
Baird's Sandpiper					X					
Long-billed Dowitcher					X					
Common Snipe					X					
Wilson's Phalarope					X					
Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X							
Herring Gull		X								
Rock Dove	X	X			X			X	X	
Mourning Dove			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Great Horned Owl		X								
White-throated Swift								X	X	
Broad-tailed				X				X	X	
Belted Kingfisher	X		X	X	X				X	
Downy Woodpecker			X						X	
Northern Flicker	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Western Wood-Pewee					X		X		X	X
Willow Flycatcher									X	
Cordilleran Flycatcher									X	
Western Kingbird						X			X	X
Eastern Kingbird										
Horned Lark		X				X				
Tree Swallow			X		X				X	X
Violet-green Swallow								X	X	X
N. Rough-winged										X
Barn Swallow					X	X	X		X	
Steller's Jay								X		
Blue Jay					X	X	X			
Western Scrub Jay								X	X	
Black-billed Magpie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
American Crow	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X

BIRDING FOOTNOTES
 BBC members attending the CFO Conference in Durango over Memorial Day weekend included Maggie Boswell, Liz and Michael Brown, Minerva Canavan, Raymond Davis, Tom Delaney, Sharon Dooley, Dennis Downing, Carolyn Cooley, Dave and Diana Johnson, Hope Leighton, Cindy Lomax, Chuck Lowrie, Sue Martin, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Richard Pratt, Debra Sparr, Bob and Ru Wing. A good time was had by all. Lots of good birds and fellowship with birders from all over Colorado and other states as well. Consider attending next years convention which will be held in Silverthorn, CO.... Jo and Ferd Dirckx attended the Detroit Lakes Birding Festival in northern Minnesota in May.... Suzi and Myron Plooster visited Alaska in June and birded in Fairbanks, Denali, Anchorage and on the Kenai Peninsula.

Tell us about your birding activities! Email the editor, Margaret Luebs, at maluebs@indra.com or call her at 720-564-1445 or 303-494-3348 (starting in August) with news of what you see this summer!

BBC TRIP LEADERS NEEDED – Would you lead a trip to your favorite habitat? 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.

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.

BOULDER BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

JULY

July 3: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Joan Dawson (303-494-8252).

July 7: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Joan Kleypas (303-497-1316).

July 10: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Joan Dawson (303-494-8252).

July 13 (Saturday): Summer Picnic and Bird Walk. Summer picnic, bird walk, and short business meeting at the home of Julie Hammerstrom. Look for hummers, flycatchers, and wild turkeys. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at the East Boulder Rec Center** north parking lot at 8:00 AM, bird until early afternoon. Leader: Pete Plage (303-666-9827).

July 17: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Jim Eide (303-443-6263).

July 20 (Saturday): Butterflies and Bird Sounds. Look for butterflies when the sun shines and birds when it's cloudy at the Cal-Wood Outdoor Center near Jamestown from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Bring hat, sunscreen, water, binoculars that focus closely, and lunch if desired. Meet at the "Four Mile Creek" Open Space parking lot (0.3 miles west of North Broadway on Lee Hill Road) at 8:00 AM. Carpool \$1.00. Leader: Janet Chu (303-494-1108).

July 24: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Joan Dawson (303-494-8252).

July 27 (Saturday): Hummingbirds in the High Country. Visit mountain locations including Peaceful Valley and Allenspark to view hummingbirds. Meet at the East Boulder Rec Center** north parking lot at 8:00 AM, plan on birding to about 3:30 PM. Bring sunscreen, water, lunch, and Talkabout Radio if you have one. Carpool \$2.00. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster (303-494-6708).

July 31: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Joan Dawson (303-494-8252).

AUGUST

August 4: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Gary Matthews (303-447-1463).

August 7: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Suzi & Myron Plooster (303-494-6708).

August 14: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Marvin Woolf (303-442-2873).

August 21: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Suzi & Myron Plooster (303-494-6708).

August 24 (Saturday): Shorebirds in Boulder and Weld County. Visit ponds and lakes in search of migrating shorebirds until mid-afternoon. Meet at the Niwot Park-and-Ride (Niwot Road and Highway 119) at 7:00 AM. Carpool \$3.00. Bring hat, sunscreen, water, and lunch. Leader: Gary Matthews (303-447-1463).

August 28: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - Jim Eide (303-443-6263).

SEPTEMBER

September 1: First Sunday Birding. Walden Wildlife Habitat.* Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at 9:00 AM, bird until noon. Leader - Pete Plage (303-666-9827).

September 4: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - TBD.##

September 7 & 8 (Saturday & Sunday): Northeastern Colorado. Bird Julesburg area. Ovid Woods, Tamarack SWA, Prewett and Jumbo Reservoirs. Look for Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpeckers, Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos, migrant warblers and shorebirds, Northern Bobwhite, and more. Limited to 15 people. Make reservations with leader by August 18. He will give you info on the motel and the meeting place. Make and pay your own reservations. Dress for weather. Bring lunch and drink for Saturday, plus hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, money for remaining meals, and Talkabout Radio if you have one. Carpool \$15 to driver. Leader: Bill Kaempfer (303-443-3175).

September 11: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - TBD.##

September 18: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - TBD.##

September 21 (Saturday): Rabbit Mountain. Search for raptors and other migrants on a fairly strenuous hike. Meet at the "Four Mile Creek" Open Space parking lot (0.3 miles west of North Broadway on Lee Hill Road) at 7:30 AM, return about noon. Bring water & a snack. Carpool \$2. Leader: Pete Plage (303-666-9827).

September 25: Wednesday Roadrunners. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center** (west end of parking lot) at 7:30 AM, bird until 10:30 AM. Leader - TBD.##

*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. ##Please call Gary Matthews (303-447-1463) to be sure a leader has been found for each September Roadrunners trip.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

This newsletter is published four times a year. We welcome articles, pictures, poems, and of course, news of your birding activities. The editor is very grateful for all contributions! Deadline for the October-November-December issue is September 10. Send stuff to Margaret Luebs, 3210 Dartmouth Avenue, Boulder, CO 80305, call her at 303-494-3348 (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

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

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	TRIP	FS	EC	FS	WR	FS	WR	TL	WR	WR	WR
					DD		BVR		GC	SMT	DD
Common Raven		X				X		X	X		
Black-capped		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mountain Chickadee									X		
Canyon Wren									X		
House Wren					X	X	X	X		X	X
American Dipper		X									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					X						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					X				X	X	X
Eastern Bluebird			X								
Townsend's Solitaire			X								
American Robin		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gray Catbird									X	X	
Cedar Waxwing			X								
European Starling		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Plumbeous Vireo								X	X		
Warbling Vireo								X	X	X	
Tennessee Warbler									X		
Orange-crowned					X		X		X		
Nashville Warbler											
Virginia's Warbler								X	X		
Northern Parula					X						
Yellow Warbler								X		X	X
Yellow-rumped Warbler					X	X	X	X	X		
MacGillivray's Warbler									X		
Common Yellowthroat						X		X			
Yellow-breasted Chat									X	X	X
Western Tanager							X		X		
Black-headed Grosbeak									X		X
Blue Grosbeak											X
Lazuli Bunting											X
Green-tailed Towhee					X		X	X	X		
Spotted Towhee					X		X		X	X	X
Chipping Sparrow					X		X	X			
Clay-colored Sparrow								X			
Vesper Sparrow					X		X				X
Lark Sparrow							X				X
Song Sparrow		X	X	X		X		X		X	
White-crowned Sparrow					X	X	X	X		X	
Dark-eyed Junco		X	X								
Red-winged Blackbird		X	X	X		X	X	X			
Western Meadowlark			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Yellow-headed						X					
Brewer's Blackbird							X				
Common Grackle		X		X		X		X			
Brown-headed Cowbird					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bullock's Oriole							X	X		X	X
House Finch		X	X			X		X	X		X
Lesser Goldfinch											X
American Goldfinch		X		X	X	X		X		X	X
House Sparrow		X	X			X		X			
No. Species (Total =		32	47	38	21	53	30	38	34	36	30
No. Participants		8	6	36	16	47	17	11	16	18	19

FS First Sunday EC Eastern Colorado WR Wednesday Roadrunners TL Twin Lakes
DD Doudy Draw BVR Boulder Valley Ranch SMT South Mesa Trail GC Gregory Canyon

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BIRDING GROUPS TO JOIN

Boulder County Audubon Society
PO Box 2081, Boulder, CO 80303
Dues: \$7.50 for local newsletter.

Denver Field Ornithologists
448 S. Leyden, Denver, CO 80224.
http://www.geocities.com/dfbirders

American Birding Association

PO Box 6599, Colorado Springs,
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BBC MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

We invite you to join the
Boulder Bird Club.
Membership is \$6.00 per
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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
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more than 50 field trips
each year — a real bargain
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