

**BOULDER BIRD CLUB
NEWSLETTER**

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of Birds Since 1947
October – December 2020***

President's letter – Fall 2020

As I write this, I am anticipating cooler fall weather after such a hot and dry summer. Our birding group has been known to bird in just about any kind of weather conditions, so we'll see what this season brings.

I was able to bird with Roadrunners at times during each of our summer months and really enjoyed it. Yes, the groups were limited to six birders, but it was a pleasure to see familiar faces. It was also a pleasure to meet a number of new birders on Wednesday's and 1st Sunday's. I really appreciate the response to those who were interested in coming out with the Boulder Bird Club during this time and doing their part with mask-wearing and social distancing. Thank you for your compliance and respect for your fellow birders.

I'm extending a huge Thank You to Davis for accommodating a Saturday and Sunday morning in July for four different groups at his residence for viewing many birds in his yard, the special attraction being the hummingbirds. The event was fully booked and on behalf of the club I am grateful for the hospitality at the Davis property.

The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, one of the organizations the BBC supports, hosted bird banding sessions at Barr Lake for interested members. I was one of the attendees and found it to be interesting, informative and fun. It was not my first time observing, but it is always exciting to see the birds in the hand, up close, learn about the data collected and where they may be headed for the winter.

We are not going to offer Wednesday fall Roadcreepers outings where we normally would meet at the East Boulder Rec Center and decide where to go birding. If you want to go birding with a small group, I encourage you to reach out to others and plan your own outings. First Sunday birding at Walden Ponds will continue this fall, but note the new start time for Oct. - Dec.

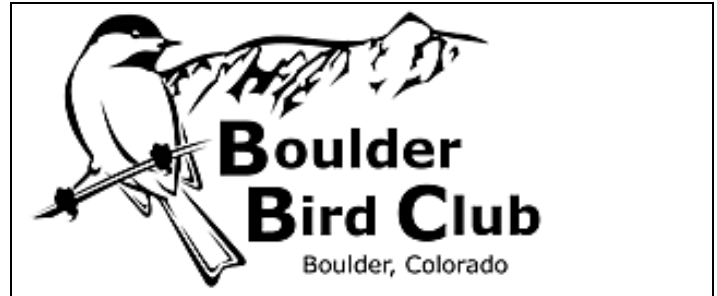
It's time to elect a new BBC President and appoint a new Field Trip Coordinator. There may be other positions

available, we'll know more after our upcoming Board meeting. Please consider stepping into one of these positions, we need you!

I wish everyone continued good health and good birding. Stay safe and stay positive.

Sharon Norfleet
BBC President

Our annual Holiday Party is under consideration for this year due to ongoing pandemic and we are considering options. Keep an eye out for an update later, possible Zoom event.



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Fall Field Trips

On first Sunday, we have 3 and only 3 groups of six each. Everyone wears cloth masks and practices social distancing. One group will meet at the east end of the Cottonwood Marsh parking area, one at the west end of Cottonwood Marsh parking area and one at the Heatherwood trail parking area at 75th and Boulder Creek. We will start at 8:30 am to insure everyone can park. Only 18 people can participate. People will have to sign up. The email sign up time will start at 7:30 pm on Friday night and end at 8:00 pm, before the first Sunday date. First come, first served. One person from each group will lead. When all slots are filled, I will send an email informing everyone.

Your participation on a Boulder Bird Club field trip declares that you will assume full responsibility for your own welfare, and will in no way hold any trip leaders, drivers or the Club responsible for you in any situation.

Sunday, October 4, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY BIRDING AT WALDEN WILDLIFE HABITAT

8:30 am to around 11:00 am

Dress for whatever the weather may be. Bring binoculars, a scope, a bird book if you'd like, something to drink, and a snack if you think you'll get hungry.

Sunday, November 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY BIRDING AT WALDEN WILDLIFE HABITAT

8:30 am to around 11:00 am

Dress for whatever the weather may be. Bring binoculars, a scope, a bird book if you'd like, something to drink, and a snack if you think you'll get hungry.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY BIRDING AT WALDEN WILDLIFE HABITAT

8:30 am to around 11:00 am

Dress for whatever the weather may be. Bring binoculars, a scope, a bird book if you'd like, something to drink, and a snack if you think you'll get hungry.

Welcome, new members!

Laura Brodie
Valerie Crecco
Elaine Radin
Barbara Retzlaff
Shanda Roberson, with Rowen, Kellen, and Aidah
Henry Stiles

We will look forward to meeting you!



Great Blue Heron with catch, 7-9-2020, ©Nancy Morrison



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Red-breasted Nuthatch at the Barr Lake banding station, 8-19-2020, ©Peter Ridgeway



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Northern Shoveler pair, Barr Lake, 8-19-2020, ©Peter Ridgeway



Northern Pygmy Owl, 9 20 2020, at Tony and Claire Delaney's yard, ©Tony Delaney



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Williamson's Sapsucker, Mud Lake, 9-23-2020, ©Peter Ridgeway



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Mountain Chickadee, Caribou Ranch, 9-23-2020, ©Peter Ridgeway

Note from the President:

This is a huge shoutout to **Gary Baxley**, Field Trip Coordinator, for his hard work this past quarter organizing all of the 1st Sunday, Wednesday Roadrunner and Weekend Field Trips. So many participating birders extended many thanks to him when they saw him in the field and the BBC appreciates his dedication and efforts in getting our membership to bird together. The outings were well attended during this limited attendance pandemic time. It's great that interest in participating in small group birding is alive and well within the BBC. Keep on birding!



What a difference a year makes!!! Here's a photo of the Boulder Bird Club members at Caribou Ranch in the Fall of 2019...



...and here are the Boulder Bird Club members at Caribou Ranch in the Fall of 2020. Group size limited to 6 people: 5 in photo plus one photographer.