



CALENDAR

All monthly meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council Chambers. Fieldtrip times and meeting places vary; see below or please check the website. You may call 367-2462 for more information.

Meetings and Programs:

July 5 – Nancy Buell will share photos taken last fall at Audubon's Hog Island Camp, off the coast of Maine. Some of the people she met there were famous researchers and authors. Puffins were once abundant on many islands throughout coastal Maine, but nearly disappeared in the early 1900s due to excessive hunting for meat and feathers. In a DVD, Dr. Stephan Kress will explain about the PUFFIN PROJECT.

August 2 – Joe and Marta Peddie have been working with the Bald Eagle Nest Watch Program for many years. They will talk about the management of Bald Eagles in Arizona.

Special Events and Field Trips:

July 8- Meet at the Nature Center at 8:30 AM to take a birding walk with Audubon Arizona members. We will bird in the Big Springs area and hike heading toward Walnut Creek, back in time for the Nature Center Pollinator Program at 10:00 AM.

July 15-6TH Annual Nature Film Festival, 4:30 –9:00 PM at the Nature Center. Details on Page 2 of this newsletter.

July 29-Hummingbird Banding at Sipes Wildlife Area, Eagar, with Sherri Williamson, renown hummingbird expert, 8AM-Noon

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July-August, 2017

OUT ON A LIMB WITH YOUR PRESIDENT~

I promise you an interesting and entertaining evening at our upcoming Film Festival (details on the next page) and I hope many or all of you will be there. We could use some help with homemade cookies to offer attendees, and also other help is needed. If you can help in any way, tell me or any board member.

Now I invite you to spend a little time with me, enjoying the wildlife in my yard. "Look, Mom. There's a Western Tanager in the bird bath!" Carla calls to me. (Carla is my daughter.) I grab my binoculars, "I see him; isn't he gorgeous! Look, he is on the ground looking for I don't know what, but he's spending time there so we can get a good look at him. Darn it, I don't have my camera. There he goes. What fun!"

Now look at the thistle feeder. There are two Lesser Goldfinches, "Look at that male. He is gorgeous, but a little confusing because of the white speckles on his back."

Carla and I discuss how pretty he is, but wonder that he looks so different. Still, we know he is a Lesser Goldfinch. There are four Western Bluebirds; two on the suet, one on the mealworm feeder, one in the tree. "How beautiful they are!"

"Oh, look, Mom, we have four Northern Flickers in the yard!" What a treat to watch them at the suet, on the ground and at the feeder. We marvel at the variety visiting our yard, including three White-breasted Nuthatches, numerous House Finches, Seven Pine Siskins, a couple of Juncos, and several Black-chinned and Broad-tailed Hummers, and even a Magnificent competing at the feeders. Also, four Hairy Woodpeckers and several Acorn Woodpeckers displaying sibling rivalry. "Now look, Mom. We have three Black-headed Grosbeaks and six Stellar's Jays. I can't believe it!"

Butterflies including a California Sister, an Admiral, and various other types continue to flutter around and are not the only thing in our yard. We enjoy watching numerous Abert and Rock Squirrels, and remember little Chico? Now there are four! All four are like little Rufous Hummingbirds of the squirrel world. We are delighted to see the Western Yellow Tiger Swallowtail butterfly, and to our surprise, we had a Monarch visit our flowers for a short time. Other butterflies, challenge us to figure out what they are, but they have no desire to sit around long enough for us to identify them.

I love spending time watching the incredible display of wildlife in my yard and I hope you have enjoyed my sharing a little bit of it with you. I hope you enjoy the sights and sounds of nature around you....and enjoy birds!

Mary Ellen

Nature Film Festival

Saturday, July 15

4:30 – 9:00 @ the Nature Center

Fajita Buffet by Moose Henri's

Films:

“Emergence” – Dennis and Sky Roshay

“Wildlife of Namibia” – Dave and Cheryl Cagle

“Wildlife Throughout the Seasons: Barb Davis

“Breathless in Bhutan:Adventures of a Lifetime”-
Norris Dodd & the Bhutan Trekkers

*Tickets \$25 -call 367-2462 for advance tickets
(or \$30 at the door)*

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June Sightings

NAME	WHAT SEEN	WHERE
Kay Alderton	Robin, Grosbeak, Stellar's Jay, Dark-eyed Junco	Front yard, (Pinetop)
Jim Semmel	Robin, Stellar's Jay	
Irene Klim	Grosbeak, Brown-headed Cowbird, Northern Flicker	At home at Pino Ridge
Perry Wray	LBJs?	
Bart Stegman	Bullock's Oriole, House Wren, Stellar's Jay, Acorn Woodpecker	Home in Lakeside
Jeanette Brinker	Black-headed Grosbeak, Northern Flicker	Woodlands
Dave Brinker	Lewis' Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker	Woodlands, Benny Creek
Rob Bettaso	Painted Redstart, Blue-throated Hummingbird	Canyon Creek, Hatchery
Jernigans	Band-tailed Pigeons, Bullocks Oriole, Juniper Titmouse	Backyard feeder in Lakeside
Mary Freemon	Hepatic Tanager, Juncos, Black-headed Grosbeak, Spotted Towhee, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Robins, Western Bluebirds, Lesser Goldfinch	Lakeside yard
Inmans	Magnificent Hummingbird, Western Tanager, Hepatic Tanager, Green-tailed Towhee, Pelagic Cormorants, Black-crowned Night Heron, Bewick's Wrens, Turkey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Brown Creeper, Townsend's Warbler	Sky Hi Retreat yard, Oceanside Harbor, Bear Wallow Wilderness, Thompson Trail



Black-Headed Grosbeak by Kirsten Munson

There's A Bird Nesting Near My House. What Should I Do? (from Flagstaff Audubon Newsletter)

June 15, 2017



In general, the best thing you can do for a bird nesting near a human dwelling is to try to minimize the disturbance—stay at a respectful distance, minimize foot traffic, door openings/closings, and postpone and projects or construction slated for the area.

If a bird is nesting in an inconvenient place on your property, the good news is that the nesting period is not forever, and in some species may only be matter of weeks. The nesting cycle for most songbirds, robins included, is around 4 weeks from egg laying to chicks leaving the nest (two weeks of incubation, two weeks of nestlings). Try not to use the area around the nest until the young have fledged to ensure that the parents will not abandon their nest. If this is not possible, try to minimize your presence around the nest; many yard birds are tolerant of occasional disturbances.

Read more from Cornell Lab by clicking here: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/theres-a-bird-nesting-near-my-house-what-should-i-do/>

***“Nature never did betray the heart that
loved her.”***

~William Wordsworth

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If you find distressed songbirds, raptors including eagles, waterfowl and small mammals, please contact Susan Taggart at (928) 242-5796. If you are unable to reach her and need assistance immediately, you may call the White Mountain Animal Hospital in Lakeside at (928) 368-8425 or Alta Sierra Veterinary Clinic in Show Low (928) 537-2880. Susan works in conjunction with the animal hospitals and is sub-permitted through the Arizona Game and Fish Department to care for injured and orphaned wildlife as a community service.

DUES ARE DUE, PLEASE!

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Membership/Donation Form**

White Mountain Audubon Society membership dues are: **Individual \$15**, or **Family \$25 per year**. Please renew your membership. Your tax-deductible membership supports our on-going programs and activities, as well as future new projects. Your membership and donations do make a difference!!!

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