



The Golden Eagle

Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society

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Christmas Bird Count Helps Protect Birds and Their Habitat

Every year, from December 14 through January 5 tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations.

Families and students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists go out on an annual mission – often before dawn. For more than 100 years, the desire to make a difference and to experience the beauty of nature have driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of home during the holiday season.

The longest running citizen science survey in the world, the Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on population trends. Tens of thousands of participants know that it is also a lot of fun. Data from more than 2,300 circles are entered after the count and become available to query online.

Conservation was in its beginning stages around the turn of the 20th century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition – a Christmas Bird Census.

So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to Chapman's inspiration and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, who conducted 25 Christmas Bird Counts that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California, with most counts in or near the population centers of northeastern North America. The original 27 Christmas bird counters tallied around 90 species on all the counts combined.

The data collected by those early observers and those who followed allow researchers, conservation biologists, and other interested individuals today to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys, such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides

a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed over the past hundred years.

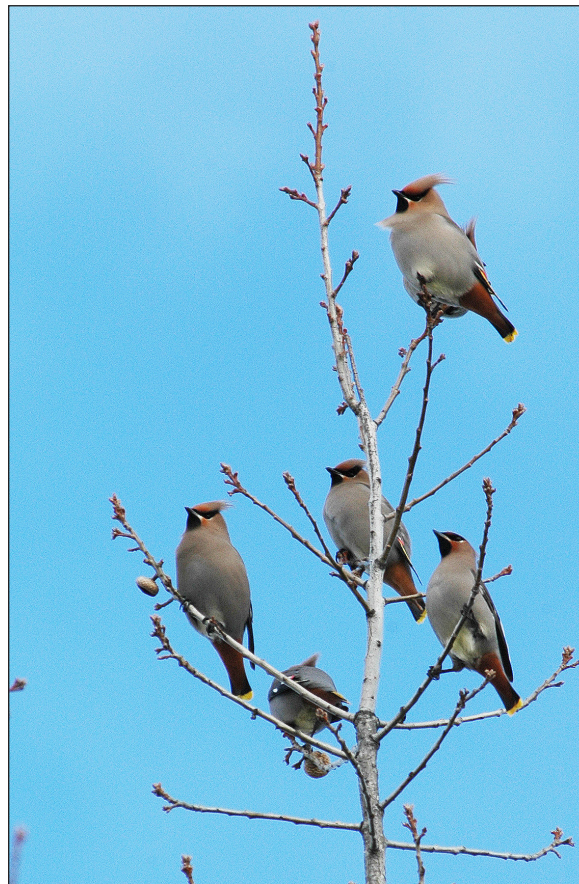
The long-term perspective made possible by the Christmas Bird Count is vital for conservationists. It informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat, and it helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well. For example, local trends in bird populations can indicate habitat fragmentation or signal an immediate environmental threat, such as groundwater contamination or poisoning from improper use of pesticides.

In the 1980s, Christmas Bird Count data documented the decline of wintering populations of the American black duck, after which conservation measures were put into effect to reduce hunting pressure on this species.

More recently, in 2009, the data were instrumental in Audubon's Birds & Climate Change analysis, which documented range shifts of bird species over time. Also in 2009 bird count data were instrumental in the collaborative report by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – State of the Birds 2009. The Environmental Protection Agency has included Audubon's climate change work from Christmas Bird Count data as one of 26 indicators of climate change in their 2012 report.

In 2007, the data were instrumental in the development of two Audubon State of the Birds Reports: Common Birds in Decline, which revealed that some of America's most beloved and familiar birds have taken a nosedive over the past 40 years; and WatchList 2007, which identified 178 rarer species in the continental U.S. and 39 in Hawaii that are imperiled. These three reports helped scientists and policy-makers to identify threats to birds and habitat and to promote broad awareness of the need to address them.

(Source: National Audubon Society website)



Bohemian waxwings are common visitors to Boise in the winter.

President's Message

By Michele Crist

Happy New Year GEAS!

Last year this time, I wrote about the Christmas Bird Counts. This year, I found a great article on the Breeding Bird Surveys, which are just around the corner.

Chandler S. Robbins, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, started the BBS back in the mid-60s. He designed a large-scale sampling strategy that would allow fewer observers to cover a far greater area in much less time. Robbins also was aware of the love Americans had for the automobile, and he noticed that they had become much less accustomed to walking long distances. He believed that a series of point counts along roadside routes could provide an ideal arrangement for the surveys.

BBS has become the primary source of long-term, large-scale population data for more than 400 North American breeding birds. The program continues its legacy in the U.S. and Canada under the joint coordination of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland and the Canadian Wildlife Service. No other single resource provides as much scientifically defensible data regarding the continent's bird populations as the BBS.

Breeding bird data gathered and analyzed from the BBS in the late 1980s revealed the widespread declines of neotropical migrant birds in eastern woodlands, sending a shockwave through the bird management and conservation communities. These findings precipitated the formation of North America's Partners in Flight. Additional conservation initiatives and monitoring efforts started up as decades of amassed data highlighted the specialized needs of birds like colonial waterbirds and secretive marsh birds, and the necessity for tailored monitoring programs to accommodate them.

The analyses of BBS data has grown and taken advantage of emerging computing technologies, geographic information systems and innovative modeling techniques. Analysts at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center have made revolutionary advances in complex trend analyses in bird population ecology, identifying interesting geographic patterns.

Many factors have contributed to the success of the BBS, but none has been more important than the participants who collect the data. Each year roughly 2,000 people perform surveys on more than 3,000 BBS routes. Assisting them are 1,000 or so volunteers who take on such tasks as driving, collecting GPS coordinates, and recording tallies and stop descriptions in the field.

To read more at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbsnews/Pubs/Birding-Article.pdf.

I hope to see you all soon at our annual spring banquet on March 8!

Michele Crist, President Golden Eagle Audubon Society

GEAS CALENDAR January-February 2014

Bruneau CBC	January 4
Family Birding Walk	January 12
Gulls at Boise Landfill	January 18
GEAS Monthly meeting	January 28
Wednesday Morning Club	January, February
Field Trip: Kathryn Albertson Park	February 1
Presentation: CuMo Mining Update	February 6
Family Birding Walk	February 9
Great Backyard Bird Count	February 14-17
Field Trip: Esther Simplot Park	February 22
GEAS Monthly meeting	February 25

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OUT THE KITCHEN WINDOW

By Hilda Larson

Should I mention the weather? Try to ignore it?

Whatever, you undoubtedly have your own words for it.

The temperature was 10 degrees below on Sunday the 8th at the ranch. Al says the wood pile is going down fast!

An immature white-crown sparrow made a brief visit to the ranch feeder. Five inches of the first snow in the yard made it easy to track a fox as it snooped about.

Here, five goldfinches, some juncos and sparrows frequent the feeders and the seed

thrown out on the driveway. Chickadees frequent the suet. The birds in general have not been so numerous.

My daughter trimmed the lower branches from the juniper trees along the driveway so there is less place for the neighboring cats to hide. There are several who get sent away home quite frequently.

I must not forget the one squirrel who has found a way to reach the ear of corn hanging on a cord with a spring in it.

Rather than being flipped around by the spring, the rascal has found a way by

doing the splits with its hind feet on the upright railing, reaching out to grab the ear with its front feet, then chewing off a kernel, slipping back on the horizontal rail to eat it. When that is finished, back to the task at hand to get another kernel.

I would not want to be a squirrel, but I would like to have its determination! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!



Volunteer News

Even in this busy holiday season, with temperatures dropping into the teens and lower, we still have some great folks who get thank yous for donating time and effort to GEAS.

Let's start with our Vice President Bruce Ackerman. Thank you Bruce and board members for sending out letters asking for donations for our one and only fundraiser. An odious job if there ever was one. If you haven't responded yet with a donation, please consider doing so. In the meantime, thanks to the folks who have already responded.

Niels Nokkentved, Jessica Pazdan, Harold Ward, Stephany Erwin and Sue Norton for work on the newsletter production and mailing.

Speaking about Sue Norton – many thanks go to her for graciously offering her home and hospitality for meetings.

Thank you Jay Carlisle and Dave Hazelton for leading the C.J. Strike field trip on November 9. We had 32 folks attend. A LeConte's sparrow was recognized by Jay C. and seen by all.

A large group contributed to habitat restoration at Blacks Creek Bird Preserve: Dan Watkins, Michele Porter, Julia Porter, Carli Pickett, Maren Watkins, Nick Bevers, Shaun Wheeler, Ty Werenka, Kristin

Araki, Maria Minicucci, Lisa McGinnis, Kathy Barker-McCoy, Matt McCoy, Scott Mayer, Anne Halford, Tom McGinnis and Sean Finn. A big thank you!

Thanks to Susan Werner of the Membership Committee for tracking many address changes and compiling the donations from the fall fundraiser.

Again, thank you Harold Ward for maintaining our website, our membership list and creating the address list for every newsletter and mailing we send out.

Thanks to Bill Brudenell and Sue Norton for bringing refreshments to the December meeting. Hope you enjoyed

them.

Thank you to the speaker at our December 10 meeting, Bill Bosworth for his slide presentation on Idaho Fish and Game's research program on nongame wildlife in southwest Idaho.

As you can see, GEAS is a very varied and dynamic organization made up of people who really care for Idaho, it's birds, habitat and environment. I do hope you will join us in any capacity you can. We love volunteers.

Gerrie Satz, Volunteer Coordinator
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A coot and a moorhen navigate shallow water.

Photo by Harold Ward

GEAS EVENTS for January and February

Field trip information is subject to change. Please check the website <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org> and go to the Calendar and Field Trips section for the latest information or contact Pam Conley at 869-0337 or pam_conley@q.com

Field Trip Etiquette: We set up car pools to take as few cars as possible, while making sure everyone has a window. Please give the driver of your ride gas money and arrive 10 minutes early.

Saturday, January 4, Bruneau CBC

Leader - Larry Ridenhour, Cell (208) 863-5596 ridenhour.larry@gmail.com

Time: 7 a.m., for all day trip

Location: Meet at Boise BLM Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise

This is expedition quality birding around CJ Strike Reservoir and the Snake River from below the dam to Bruneau Dunes State Park. Be prepared for bitter cold and relentless wind (and great birds!). We will finish up at the CJ Strike bridge at sunset to watch thousands of common goldeneye fly in for the evening. Then we will go to the Y Bar Cafe in Grand View to compile numbers and exchange stories. Cost for dinner will be \$8 - \$10. **Please RSVP to Pam Conley, 869-0337 or pam_conley@q.com for a head count for dinner at the restaurant (helps them plan).**

Wednesday Morning Club – January & February

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Patisserie (best croissants in Boise, the old Moxie Java in the strip mall northwest of State and 17th).

Contact: Kathy Barker McCoy, h- 384-1205 c- 921-1340

Wednesday Morning Club continues through the winter so please join us. Tentative schedule: Jan. 8 – Hyatt; Jan. 15 - Discovery Park; Jan. 22 - Greenbelt Glenwood; Jan. 29 - Shakespeare Festival; Feb. 5 - Ann Morrison Park; Feb. 12 - Foote Park; Feb 19. – TBA; Feb 26. - Snake River Celebration Park. I reserve the right to change the destination if weather or special sightings so indicate.

Sunday, January 12

Family Birding Walk- Kathryn Albertson Park - Especially for children or the child in you.

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Kathryn Albertson Park parking lot, 1001 N. Americana Blvd., Boise

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

We will walk the paved loop around the park looking for geese, ducks, and herons on the water, as well as songbirds in the brush. Bring the whole family, especially the young ones. We go over the basics of using binoculars. We have binoculars and field guides you can borrow. We will finish at 3 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

Gulls at Boise Landfill

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: North Gate Plaza parking, west Boise (Glenwood/Gary Lane and State St. under the Northgate Shopping Center sign)

Leader: RL Rowland 336-9808 rlrowland@centurylink.net

Come join RL Rowland as he leads us to the Mecca of Ada Co.'s winter birding scene, the landfill at Hidden Hollow. RL will hold his Gulls 101 seminar that introduces you to the current available

literature, discuss dump etiquette and safety rules, and identify gulls. Be prepared for winter weather. We finish around noon.

Tuesday , January 28

GEAS Monthly meeting - My favorite birding hotspots in the West – Bruce Ackerman

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: M.K. Nature Center, 600 S Walnut., Boise

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

Bruce Ackerman is a biologist with the Idaho Fish and Game in Boise, since 2004, and past president of the Golden Eagle Audubon chapter. He has lived and travelled to many places throughout the west, “never not birding.” He will give a slideshow of great birding places he’s enjoyed visiting over the years. You’ll come away wanting to go on a few of these trips yourself. He’ll be talking about places such as Bear River National Wildlife Refuge in Utah, sandhill crane migration at the Platte River in Nebraska, greater prairie chicken leks in northeast Colorado and southern Arizona.

Saturday, February 1

Field Trip: Kathryn Albertson Park

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Kathryn Albertson Park parking lot

Leader: Leanne Lloyd-Fairey

Contact: Pam Conley, 869-0337, pam_conley@q.com

We will focus on strategies birds use for surviving in the winter. We will walk around the park and along the Boise River. Dress for the weather. Finish up around noon.

Thursday, February 6

Presentation: Idaho Families for Clean Water Update on CuMo Mine Exploration Project

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: M.K. Nature Center, 600 S Walnut., Boise

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

Idaho Families for Clean Water is a coalition composed of GEAS, Idaho Conservation League, Sierra Club, Idaho Rivers United, Trout Unlimited, Advocates for the West and Great Old Broads for Wilderness that work on issues that affect the Boise River watershed. Our current projects are the CuMo Mine Exploration and the Atlanta Gold Mine projects.

Sunday, February 9

Family Birding Walk - Marianne Williams Park - Especially for children or the child in you.

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Meet at restrooms at Marianne Williams Park, 3451 E. Barber Valley Dr., Boise

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

This new 72 acre park is on the north side of the Boise River in the Barber Valley area and has paths, ponds, wetlands and great birds. Bring the whole family, especially the young ones. We go over the basics of using binoculars. We have binoculars and field guides you can borrow. We will finish at 3 p.m.

Friday - Monday, February 14-17

Great Backyard Bird Count

Anyone can participate in this free event and no registration is needed. Watch and count birds for at least 15 minutes on any day of the count, February 14-17.

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Enter your results at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>, where you can watch as the tallies grow across the continent. The four-day count typically records more than 10 million observations. For more information go to: <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>.

Saturday, February 22

Field Trip: Esther Simplot Park

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Meet near Idaho River Sports at Pleasanton and White Water Blvd.

Leader: Jay Carlisle and Heidi Ware

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

We will walk around this 55 acre yet-to-be developed park site on the Boise River. The unofficial trails are not maintained so we may need to scramble over obstacles and numerous wet areas: Be prepared for an adventure. We will also visit Quinn Pond next door and walk along the Boise River. Dress for the weather. We will finish around noon.

Tuesday, February 25

GEAS Monthly meeting - How Road Noise Impacts Songbirds - Heidi Ware

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: M.K. Nature Center, 600 S Walnut., Boise

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com

For her master's thesis at Boise State University, Heidi Ware has been studying the effects road noise might have on songbirds during migration. By banding them and measuring body condition, she was able to discover why noise pollution is a problem for birds.

Hagerman Bird Festival

This three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, field trips, exhibits, workshops and educational activities for children and adults.

Location: Hagerman

Dates: February 14 – 16, 2014

Organization: Hagerman Bird Festival

Contact: Delores Smith, Festival Coordinator

Email: hagermanbirdfestival@gmail.com

Facebook: Hagerman Bird Festival

Website: <http://www.prairiefalconaudubon.org>

The Hagerman Bird Festival will feature more than 25 events, including a Snake River cruise, the premiere of Kathleen Cameron's "Idaho Owls" film, workshops, field trips, and an opportunity to visit some special areas that are closed to the public. Full- and half-day events will take participants to a variety of habitats, including riparian, wetland, and desert shrubland. Workshops will cover topics ranging from beginner birding classes to raptor and waterfowl identification. A number of the events are geared toward birders who are also photographers.

The festival is sponsored by the Prairie Falcon Audubon Society in collaboration with Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, Southern Idaho Tourism, National Park Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Fish and Game, Idaho Power Co. and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Field Trip Report:

C.J. Strike-Ted Trueblood Wildlife Management Area, November 9

Jay Carlisle and Dave Hazelton lead 32 birders on a great trip. The day was sunny, mild and not windy. We saw 77 species in total according to some. Here are some highlights: At Ted Trueblood the ponds did not yield many species of ducks probably because of hunters nearby, but there were lots of coots, some mallards, northern shovellers, pied billed grebes and a kestrel on a goose nesting platform. Along the slough road we saw marsh wren, white crowned sparrows, ruby crowned kinglets, song sparrows, savannah sparrow, swamp sparrow, Lincoln sparrow, American tree sparrow and – a LeConte's sparrow, a rare bird for Idaho. The group got some great pictures to document this rare find. Thanks to Jay's familiarity with this sparrow, we were able to identify it. We also saw about 10 western meadowlarks in the tops of some trees, their yellow breasts very striking. We heard the Virginia rail but couldn't get a glimpse of it. Also saw a great blue heron, tundra swans, robins, belted kingfisher, northern flicker, red-winged blackbirds, cedar waxwings, American goldfinches, a Wilson's snipe, a raven, sharp-shinned hawk, snow geese and rough-legged hawk. At the upper end of the dam, the reservoir was covered with grebes, mostly westerns. Other species seen: American widgeon, canvasback, bufflehead, common goldeneye, common merganser, red-breasted merganser, ruddy duck, California quail, Pacific and common loons, horned, eared, western and Clarks grebes, American white pelican, double-crested cormorant, great blue heron, black-crowned night heron, northern harrier, red-tailed hawk, golden eagle, Bonaparte's, ring-billed, California, and glaucous-winged gulls, rock pigeon, Eurasian collared-dove, mourning dove, great horned owl, northern shrike, black-billed magpie, canyon wren, horned lark, European starling, orange crowned warbler, dark eyed junco, Brewer's blackbird and pine siskin plus a few I missed.



Photo by Dee Towell

The last and only previous record of a LeConte's sparrow for Idaho was a specimen collected in 1896 at Ft. Sherman near Coeur d'Alene. This small orange-faced sparrow less than 5 inches long, with a 7-inch wing span and weighing about a half ounce is usually found from the Dakotas east, in the Midwest and southern Gulf states.

Family Bird Walk and Kids Christmas Bird Count-Sunday December 8 – cancelled because of the cold and breezy weather, 18 degrees F.

Students, Volunteers Help with Blacks Creek Reserve Planting

By Kristin Araki

On a cold November Saturday morning, four BSU students and a group of volunteers met Sean Finn and Thomas McGinnis out at the Blacks Creek Bird Reserve.

At Boise State University, environmental studies students are required to take a class during their senior year that allows them to gain experience within their field of study.

I, along with Boise State students Nick Bevers, Maren Watkins and Shaun Wheeler, were given the opportunity to help restore the Blacks Creek area. As a part of our project, we decided to go out with a few volunteers to help plant 100 silver sagebrush and shaggy fleabane.

We were told that the plants were to be planted a little ways from the dam, and we were shown how to use the equipment we would use to put the plants into the ground. Once we got to the location to the plants' final home, the work began. Because the top layer of the ground was frozen solid, we had to hack away at the dirt for a while before reaching ground that was softer and easier to dig into.

Once all the silver sagebrush was planted, we put the shaggy fleabane plants into the ground and watered all the plants. Because these plants need shade, we put them behind some of the sagebrush we had planted or other plants that were already growing. After four hours of working in the field, we had planted all the seedlings. Hopefully, most of the young plants will survive



the cold and benefit the Blacks Creek Bird Reserve.

On behalf of my project group at Boise State, I want to extend a big thanks to the following people: Kathy Barker-McCoy, Sean Finn, Scott Mayer, Thomas and Lisa McGinnis, Maria Minicucci, Carli Pickett, Michelle and Julia Porter, Dan Watkins and Ty Werenka. Without the help of these people, it would have taken a lot longer to get this project completed.

Avian Research: Effects of Recreational Activities on Breeding Ecology of a Shrub-Steppe Raptor

By Rob Spaul

Off-highway vehicle activity has increased on federal public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management nationwide and specifically in southwestern Idaho.

Human disturbance similar to OHV use can cause golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) to abandon nest sites or result in reproductive failure.

In 2011, the BLM-Owyhee Field Office began seasonal closures of some OHV trails to reduce the risk of disturbance to nesting eagles and potential take and has permanently closed other trails for long-term habitat protection.

In support of an adaptive management program with the BLM, my research focuses on golden eagle territory occupancy, nest site behavior, and nest productivity in relation to trail based recreational activity and trail density.

Formerly unknown and historic golden eagle nesting sites will be monitored following established methodology. Using trail cameras within 1 kilometer of nests, OHV use and non-motorized recreationists are sampled throughout the breeding season, and remote sensing techniques will assess trail density.

Multi-state occupancy models and nest survival models will



Rob Spaul with one of the subjects of his research.

Courtesy of BSU

be used to examine these effects on eagle nest site selection, breeding behavior and nest survival. This study will equip recreation and wildlife managers to protect golden eagle habitat better and to ensure continued nest success.

Rob Spaul is a graduate student at Boise State University, working towards a master's degree in raptor biology.

Golden Eagle Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auction

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Ave.

\$40 Per Person

Social Hour – 6 p.m. Dinner Served – 7 p.m.



The speaker for the 2014 banquet is Kurt K. Burnham, president and CEO of the High Arctic Institute. His topic will be “Birds and Bergs: Twenty years of Avian Research in Greenland.”

Burnham was born in Colorado and moved to Idaho when he was 9. He grew up in the outdoors and traveled the world extensively, visiting conservation and research projects throughout the Third World with his father, William Burham, former president of The Peregrine Fund.

Kurt Burnham first visited Greenland in 1991. He received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Albertson’s College of Idaho in 1997. After graduation, he began working for The Peregrine Fund, managing its Greenland Project. In 2003, he was appointed as the Fund’s Arctic projects director. In the fall of 2006, he created the High Arctic Institute, and in the spring of 2008 he received his doctorate from the University of Oxford, with his research focusing on peregrine and gyrfalcon populations in Greenland.

Burnham has conducted field research in Greenland every summer since 1991, spending nearly three combined years of his life in Greenland.

The High Arctic Institute is a nonprofit conservation, research and education organization. Based in the United States, scientists from the High Arctic Institute travel to northwest Greenland each summer to conduct a variety of scientific studies on the many species of birds that occur there.

GEAS BANQUET REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS — DUE BY MARCH 1, 2014.

Please complete one of the payment forms below. Send payment form along with list of guests and meal choices to: GEAS, 1963 Teal Lane, Boise, ID 83706. Checks should be made out to GEAS. Questions? Call Sue Norton 378-4248.

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Number of guests _____ guests @ \$40 per guest)

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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Number of guests _____ guests @ \$40 per guest)

Choose from one of the following entrees: Rosemary and Cracked Pepper Roasted Prime Rib, Char-Grilled Northwest Salmon, or Fettuccini with Wild Mushroom Bolognese.

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

I am not able to attend, but I would like to make a donation to GEAS: \$ _____

I have an _ auction item or a _ dessert to donate. Please contact me at: _____

In order to preserve the sanity of the auction committee, all donations (except desserts) should be received by February 28.

For the Birds!



GEA shouts out a big Thank You to Julie and Boyd Steele, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, for organizing the donation of 95 bluebird boxes to replace those burned on our Prairie Bluebird Trail this summer. Boxes were donated from all over the United States and even Canada. Three were made by a local bird enthusiast. We appreciate all their efforts toward this endeavor. We plan to start putting the new boxes up this coming spring as soon as the ranchers in the area start repairing their burned up fencing. Stay tuned for pleas to help with this project.

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