



The Golden Eagle

Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society

January/February 2019

2018 was The Year of the Bird across the country

By Crista Videriksen Worthy

Have you heard about the Mandarin drake paddling around the ponds of Central Park, New York?

First spotted on October 10, 2018, he's since been featured in both the New York and Los Angeles Times newspapers and even Tweeted about by the official spokesman of the Chinese Communist Party. Nobody knows where he came from, but so far, he seems to be holding his own among the local mallards and other waterfowl. His legs are banded, but no neighboring zoos are missing any Mandarins, so the best guess is that he's an abandoned or escaped pet.

People have been congregating in Central Park from far and wide to see this gorgeous bird, jostling for position around the Pond and the Turtle Pond, his two favorite hangouts. When he takes a short vacation in New Jersey, New Yorkers fret. Some birders, however, are not amused, and point out that, because the duck is not believed to have reached the city naturally, birders can't add him on their "life list." In an "open letter" to the duck, an Audubon.org editor told the Mandarin duck point blank that he wasn't "that special." I beg to differ, though, and hope his presence helps more people to notice the birds all around us.

Mandarins are native to East Asia but closely related to wood ducks, which can often be spotted in the Treasure Valley. A friend of mine lives just off State Street on Lakeharbor Lane, near the Boise-Garden City border. His backyard runs down to Silver Lake, an old rock quarry now filled with water. Every spring, wood ducks use the box he built for them. He always watches to see the little fluff-ball chicks jump out and follow their mom into the lake.

The other avian internet phenom this past year was a momma common merganser, spotted on Lake Bemidji in Minnesota with 76 ducklings in tow, and photographed by amateur photographer Brent Cizek. Clearly she didn't lay 76 eggs, so how could this

happen? Common merganser hens often dump some of their eggs into other females' clutches, to spread out their eggs and increase their chances for survival. Additionally, mergansers, as well as ostriches, raise their babies in a kind of day care system that's called a crèche. Wildlife manager David Rave, who oversees the Bemidji region for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, explained that many females also leave their

chicks in the care of one experienced, matriarchal female. Conveniently, the chicks all hatch around the same time, and then the other ducks go off to molt their feathers.

I saw a much larger waterbird the Saturday after Thanksgiving. My mother, sister, and niece came to visit for the holiday, and I was driving my mother around the new development of Harris Ranch, east of downtown Boise. There in an open



Mandarin duck

Photo by EJ Bartolazo

field about a quarter-mile north of the Boise River, stood a lone sandhill crane. I usually see sandhills in the camas marshes near Fairfield. Meanwhile, my backyard is filled three times a day with about 100 quail. After the big snowfall December 2, I've been giving them an extra lunchtime ration of seed. Of course, the juncos and white-crowned sparrows are back, picking up seed from the ground below the feeders. I'm also happy to report that, since the snow fell, a large number of lesser goldfinches have taken up residence in the pines along our property. The tiny yellow birds are a welcome addition to the usual contingent of house finches. Soon, great flocks of robins will sweep through the neighborhood, confiscating all the leftover fruits from the decorative plum trees. It's amazing how much noise these flocks can make.

Perhaps the most welcome sound of winter, though, comes from the great horned owls. They are literally the first things I hear each morning as dawn breaks and the last things I hear each night as I fall asleep, two of them hooting back and forth as their nesting season approaches. Happy New Year!

President’s Message

By Liz Urban

Happy New Year! What a year it has been. It is bittersweet to say goodbye to 2018, the “Year of the Bird,” but I am proud of all the chapter accomplished during the past year of celebration and storytelling. We offered dozens of community engagement and education opportunities in addition to the more than 80 field trips that are foundational to our chapter. We continued to offer small grants to community partners, saw the Native Plant Network really start to thrive with more than 5,000 plants cultivated and used in restoration, and also hosted our fifth year of the New Roots Program, introducing underserved youth to nature. I am also happy to report that GEAS had the first ever New Roots Program extension offering for some of the kids that have really engaged in the program for several years. We were able to take nine youths to their first national park, Yellowstone. In early November, we spent three days expanding on what we have learned about stewardship, public lands, and environmental education while offering a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience. The students all saw and heard wolves, watched Old Faithful erupt, and were able to continue bonding with their friends and the leaders who serve as mentors. It was wonderful to talk to the graduating students about their plans for college and continue talking about natural resource and science careers, with many students’ interest being ignited by their New Roots experiences. Please check out the New Roots Facebook page to see the amazing experience that your support helped create!

I look forward to seeing what 2019 brings, and I know that our chapter will continue to flourish with your help. Thank you to all who have supported us during our annual winter fundraising campaign, and there is still time to make a gift if anyone is interested in seeing GEAS continue to grow. We hope anyone who is inspired by what we have accomplished as a community of dedicated volunteers will take the time to join us as a member, donor, or volunteer.

Liz Urban, president

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GEAS CALENDAR

January-February 2019

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News From the Board: November and December

- The board met in November to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and additional topics while preparing our annual fundraising mailer.
- The education committee met in late October to discuss field trips, class offerings, and other upcoming events.
- The field trip committee met in early December.
- The banquet committee continues to prepare for the 2019 event.
- GEAS partnered with the Garden City and Meridian Public Libraries to host the 2018 NAS Photography Traveling Awards exhibit and related programming.
- GEAS hosted the first annual Volunteer Appreciation night at the end of November. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and to all those volunteers who didn't as well. It was a lovely evening to catch up with one another and reflect on our achievements.



Great horned owl

Volunteer News

Volunteer Acknowledgments

Special thanks to our monthly presenters Jordan Valentine and Terry Rich for sharing your wonderful experiences as well as Alexander Sapiens for coordinating the speakers. Thank you to David Potter for presenting the Beginning Birding by Ear Introduction.

The Volunteer Appreciation Party was a great success and would not have been possible without the help of Sean Finn, Michelle Crist, Dondi Black and Adam Schreiner.

Many thanks to our field trip leaders: Tricia Brookman, Liz Urban, Kathy Barker McCoy, Jim James, RL Rowland, Kristin Gnojewski, Jay Carlisle, Heidi Ware Carlisle and Bryce Robinson for sharing your expertise and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Jay Carlisle for leading 22 birders on an all-day tour of CJ Strike and surrounding areas to find a record-breaking 100 bird species on a beautiful fall day. And thanks to Heidi Ware Carlisle for keeping the eBird list.

The New Roots program was able to take nine refugee youth to Yellowstone for three days. Thank you Kristen Gnojewski, Megan Jones, and Liz Urban for making this possible. We owe thanks to Chelsey

Frakes for her support and driving the ICC vehicle. Thank you Idaho Conservation Corps for their partnership and providing transportation as well as Bogus Basin and Eric Willadsen for partnering and loaning winter gear to participants.

We also owe thanks to Derek Risso, Ben Brock, Audrey Richmond, Jamie Richmond, Terra Falconer, Barb Schmidt, Kim Costillo, Alan Crockett, Dave Hopper, Dusty Perkins and Connor Jackson for planting native species in a conservation easement on Eagle Island. Many thanks to Sean Finn for coordinating the plantings this fall.

The numerous Christmas Bird Counts wouldn't be possible without the organization from Ingrid Brudenell, Denise Hughes, Matt Dresser, Kathy Barker McCoy, David Potter, Robert Magill, Joe Weldon, and Alex Takasugi.

Thank you to Krista Bolt and Jamie Hill for helping coordinate the NAS Photography Awards Exhibit, and to Liz Urban for presenting the Introduction to Birding class.

The Kids' CBC was a success thanks to Kristin Gnojewski, Liz Urban and Debbie Erwin.

Thank you to Julie Heath, Liz Urban, and Chris McClure for evaluating the Small Grants Applications, and to Libby Burtner for coordinating Small Grants.

Thanks to the board and Rowan Podolsky for mailing the fundraiser letter.

And last but not least, we have a fantastic team that makes sure our newsletters are edited, assembled and mailed out, which is no small task! Thank you to Niels Nokkentved, our chief editor, as well as the work of Jessica Pasden, Alice Crockett, Alan Crockett, Susan Hazelton, Louise Maley, Alex Takasugi and Sue Norton.

Small grants Awarded

The GEAS Small Grants and Awards committee is happy to announce that we are able to fund three applications received this review cycle. We awarded the Kuna High School Ornithology Class \$500 to support field trips. We awarded the Bird by Bird Program \$500 for the program work in addition to \$500 GEAS provided earlier this year. Lastly, we awarded the Native Plant Network funds requested to purchase an irrigation pump to aid in area restoration work.



GEAS EVENTS for January and February 2019

Field trip information is subject to change. Please check the Calendar and Field Trips section on the website <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org> for information or contact Alex Takasugi at 208-484-9132 or geasfieldtrips@gmail.com and Kristin Gnojewski at kgnojewski@cableone.net.

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 gas money and arrive 10 minutes early. GEAS asks participants to register for field trips so that we can communicate changes and cancellations and late-breaking information. RSVP links are on the website calendar for easy access.

Wednesday, January 9

Science Technology Workshop

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: Jim Hall Foothills Learning Center, 3188 Sunset Peak Road, Boise

Join Kathy Barker McCoy and other local naturalists to learn about what's new in nature technology applications. Specialists will demonstrate various apps such as iNaturalist, iBird, Audubon's, Merlin, Warbler Guide, Idaho Wildflower search, and eBird. Discover how to incorporate technology into your hikes, birding excursions, and other outdoor experiences.

Saturday, January 12

SIBA: Canyon Hill Cemetery

Time: 9 a.m., plan for at least half a day

Location: Cemetery entrance at 2024 N Illinois Avenue, Caldwell
Directions: Take I-84 west to Exit 28 (Caldwell city center), then turn right on N Illinois.

Trip leader: David Potter, 208-365-8380 or joemorgan409@msn.com

Join SIBA for a half day field trip to Canyon Hill Cemetery. There is a great variety of conifers and deciduous trees at this cemetery as well as a vast open area to scope in the Boise River basin. We will be looking for winter birds. We hope to see winter finches, raptors and perhaps an owl. Based on time and weather, we may visit Curtis Park below the cemetery. Bring warm beverages, snacks and dress appropriately for the weather. RSVP: not necessary but helpful, <https://canyonhill2019.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, January 13

Beginner Bird Walk in the Park: Garden City Greenbelt

Time 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Garden City Greenbelt. We will meet at the parking lot in Riverside Park off of Riverside Drive

Trip Leader: Kristin Gnojewski kgnojewski@gmail.com 208-860-3658

Join us for a winter stroll along the Garden City greenbelt north of the Boise River. This will be an out and back walk along the pedestrian-only, relatively flat portion of the greenbelt. A porta-potty is available at the parking lot. Expect to see a range of songbirds, several species of waterfowl and perhaps a bald eagle. Be sure to dress appropriately for weather conditions. Binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. This trip is weather dependent and will be canceled in the case of inclement weather. Please check the Golden Eagle Audubon website before heading out in the morning. RSVP: <https://bird-walk-jan2019.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, January 16

Wednesday Morning Club: Hidden Valley Road, Hammer Flats
Meeting Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Pâtisserie, 1754 W State St, Boise

Destination: Hidden Valley Road, Hammer Flats. May see Rosy finches. Come join us for some great nature adventures. Grab some coffee and pastries at Janjou, then carpool to the destination. I reserve the right to change the destination at the last minute based on weather conditions, bird sightings and group requests. Hike will be moderately strenuous, bring walking sticks and warm clothes.

Saturday, January 19

Field Trip: Barber Park

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Barber Park, 4049 S. Eckert Rd. Boise

Trip Leader: Jim James

Contact: Dondi Black dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org or 208-407-8798

Join GEAS for a family-friendly, new-birder-friendly walk in the park. Barber is a great place to see a wide variety of birds. Expect to see song sparrows, chickadees, goldfinches, waxwings, mallards, Canada geese, common goldeneye, and common mergansers. Bathrooms are available. Dress for the weather. We will probably not cancel except for soaking rain or near-blizzard. RSVP: <https://barber-park-jan2019.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, January 22

Monthly Program and Chapter Meeting

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Library! at Cole & Ustick, 7557 W Ustick Rd, Boise
Please join GEAS for our monthly meeting. Marian Herz will present on her 2.5 week bird photography trip in Kruger National Park, South. Marian is an accomplished photographer, having been published in National Wildlife magazine, National Gardening magazine, Florida Wildlife magazine and on the World Wildlife Fund web site. She has won international photographic competitions, and her images have been exhibited in numerous juried art shows and galleries.

Wednesday, January 23

Wednesday Morning Club: Barber Park

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Pâtisserie, 1754 W State St, Boise

Destination: Barber Park along the Greenbelt. Grab some coffee and pastries at Janjou, then carpool to the destination. I reserve the right to change the destination at the last minute based on weather conditions, bird sightings and group requests. Gentle walk, but please dress for the weather.

Saturday, January 26

Field Trip: Lydle Gulch

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Trip Leader: Kathy Barker McCoy

Contact: Dondi Black, dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org

Please join Golden Eagle Audubon Society for a winter hike in Lydle Gulch. Participation is limited to 10 participants. Registration opens at 9 a.m. January 7. Please wear clothes and shoes appropriate for winter hiking and bring water, snacks, binoculars, etc. RSVP: <https://lydle-gulch-jan2019.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, January 30

GEAS Events continued

Wednesday Morning Club: Montour WMA

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Pâtisserie, 1754 W State St, Boise

Destination: Montour WMA. This will be a long drive and we will be back mid-afternoon. Come join us for some great nature adventures. Grab some coffee and pastries at Janjou then carpool. I reserve the right to change the destination at the last minute based on weather conditions, bird sightings and group requests.

Saturday, February 2

SIBA: Hagerman Area

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: BLM District Office near the airport

Contact: David Potter 208-365-8380 or joemorgan409@msn.com

Join SIBA for a full day field trip to the Hagerman. The Thousand Springs area has a great abundance and variety of waterfowl in the winter. Hagerman and surrounding areas have a constant water temperature and are a magnet for birds in winter. We hope to see waterfowl including swans and scaup, raptors including bald eagles munching on ducks and perhaps a special gull. Plan for a full day. Bring warm beverages, snacks, lunch and warm clothes. Be prepared for cold and wind. RSVP, not necessary but helpful: <https://hagerman-feb2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, February 9

Field Trip: Wilson Springs Ponds

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Wilson Springs Ponds, 3507 S Powerline Road, Nampa

Contact: Alex Takasugi alextakasugi@cableone.net 208-484-9132

Please join GEAS for a half-day bird walk at Wilson Springs Ponds. This Idaho Fish and Game wildlife area across the road from the Nampa Fish Hatchery contains ponds fed by warm springs that normally don't freeze over, and these attract large numbers of waterfowl in the winter. The brushy areas surrounding the ponds provide habitat for a variety of songbirds as well. There are paved and unpaved trails around the ponds, and a restroom is available. Dress for cold weather, bring something warm to drink and plan to spend a half-day or so. RSVP: <https://wilson-springs-feb2019.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, February 10

Beginner Bird Walk in the Park: Esther Simplot

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Esther Simplot Park at the Central Pavilion near the children's playground.

Contact: Kristin Gnojewski kgnojewski@gmail.com 208-860-3658

Join us for a walk around Esther Simplot Park in search of winter birds. We will start at the Central Pavilion near the children's playground. From there we will loop around the park on the boardwalk and greenbelt pathway. Expect to see a range of waterfowl, songbirds and perhaps a bald eagle. The pathway through the park is flat with wooden boardwalks and paved surfaces. Binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. Be sure to dress for winter conditions. This trip is weather dependent and will be canceled in the case of inclement weather. Restrooms are available in the park. Please check the Golden Eagle Audubon website before heading out in the morning. RSVP: <https://esther-simplot-feb2019.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, February 13

Wednesday Morning Club - Landfill Gulls with RL Rowland

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Pâtisserie, 1754 W State St, Boise

Destination: We will visit the landfill to learn about gulls in the area. Come join us for some great nature adventures. Grab some coffee and pastries at Janjou then carpool to the destination. I reserve the right to change the destination at the last minute based on weather conditions, bird sightings and group requests. Please dress for the weather.

Saturday, February 16

Field Trip: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, 5301 N. Maple Grove Road, Boise

Trip Leader: RL Rowland

Contact: Dondi Black dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org or 208-407-8798

Please join Golden Eagle Audubon Society for a family and beginner friendly bird walk. Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve is an urban oasis of wetlands, ponds and upland vegetation providing habitat for over a hundred species of birds throughout the year. Easy walking on wide, flat gravel trails. Bathroom available in parking area off Maple Grove.

Wednesday, February 20

Wednesday Morning Club: Dry Creek Cemetery

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Janjou Pâtisserie, 1754 W State St, Boise

Destination: Dry Creek Cemetery. Come join us for some great nature adventures. Grab some coffee and pastries at Janjou, then carpool to the destination. I reserve the right to change the destination at the last minute based on weather conditions, bird sightings and group requests. There will be moderate walking. Please dress for the weather.

Saturday, February 23

Field Trip: Shakespeare/Lucky Peak area

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Idaho Shakespeare Festival, 5657 East Warm Springs Ave., Boise

Trip Leader: Jim James

Contact: Dondi Black dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org or 208-407-8798

Join GEAS for a family-friendly, new-birder-friendly outing. The Shakespeare Festival grounds usually has interesting wildlife to see. We can expect the usual wintering passerines as well as waterfowl on the river, and it's possible the Great-horned owls will be on the nest. We frequently see deer. From the Festival grounds, we will carpool to the Lucky Peak area. To save \$5, drivers should have State Park passes if possible. We will start at Discovery Picnic Area and then walk along the river to Sandy Point. Depending on what is being reported, we may stop across the dam at Foote Park/Lytle Gulch. Bathrooms are available at Discovery Picnic Area. This is a handicapped accessible outing. Please dress for the weather. We will probably not cancel this except for soaking rain or near-blizzard. RSVP: <https://shakespeare-feb2019.eventbrite.com>.

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Volunteers Help as Treasure Valley Native Plant Network Creeps!

Following the old gardener's adage – first it sleeps, then it creeps – the GEAS-led Treasure Valley Native Plant Network experienced a fantastic year as we moved from an exploratory pilot project into a full blown conservation delivery partnership!

Rooted in our Chapter's work at Blacks Creek Bird Reserve, Network leaders are working on the tenet that we can produce large volumes of native plants for bird habitat restoration at very low cost while engaging broad swaths of the Treasure Valley community in hands-on, sustainable conservation. In 2018, we engaged more than 800 individuals, most with very little or no plant propagation experience, in the process of collecting seed locally, preparing the seed and growing out baby plants, nurturing those plants and eventually planting them at some of the most important bird habitats around the valley. Collectively, the Network grew out more than 5,300 native plants from seed and planted them at eight bird reserves including two Important Bird Areas -- Blacks Creek Reservoir and the Boise River -- and several spots on the Idaho Birding Trail.

With so many hands, the process is easy, and there are rewarding roles for all GEAS and community members of every skill level. Young scouts and our honored seniors collected seeds from wild plants by. Tiny seedlings were caringly re-potted at ad hoc community events, in classrooms, and by folks working in backyards warmed by the spring sunshine. Those growing plants were cared for by interns, school groups, community centers and residents. The fall planting events were well attended by cross-sections of the Treasure Valley residents who love birds, pollinators and wildflowers. There is truly an opportunity for everyone to become citizen conservationists.

Some annual highlights this past year include adventurous girl scouts collecting milkweed and goldenrod seed along the Boise River, a guerilla re-potting session with the Master Naturalist program at MK Nature Center where we re-potted about 700 seedlings in a two-hour frenzy, NPN's new partners at Tomorrow's Hope caring for plants over the summer, and an inspiring day of planting with 130 of Boise's finest volunteers at the Intermountain Bird Observatory's Boise River Research Station.

IBO's Research Station is a perfect example of why we need a Native Plant Network. The Station sits at a pivotal location for wildlife connectivity on the Boise River. Just downstream from

the Black Cliffs and at the head of Barber Pool, the site links the upper and lower Boise River. Adjacent to the Boise River Wildlife Management Area and extensive sagebrush habitat to the south, the riverside research station attracts birds and other wildlife all year long. However, much of the property was abused and neglected in the years before IBO's acquisition. A little restoration goes a long way to even better wildlife habitat. The Network, in partnership with IBO, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and College of Western Idaho's biology and horticulture programs, planted out almost 2,000 native plants there in October. What's more, those plants were arrayed as an ecological experiment; they will provide habitat and teach us about cost-effective techniques for restoring riparian habitat. We are committed to full restoration at the Station and hope you will join us in achieving that goal.

The list of partners is too long to list here. To see the list, visit www.goldeneagleaudubonsociety.org/npn. But we would like to thank the 13 K-12 schools, dozens of scouting and community groups, local, state and federal agencies, and scores of independent citizens who make up the network. Anyone who has not participated may consider making a New Year's resolution to help restore habitat in the Valley in 2019, the year the Network leaps! Developing plans include increasing plant production, adding restoration sites and increasing infrastructure in terms of materials, tools and an irrigation system. There are small tasks all year-round, so please join us! Contact info is on the website at www.goldeneagleaudubon.org.

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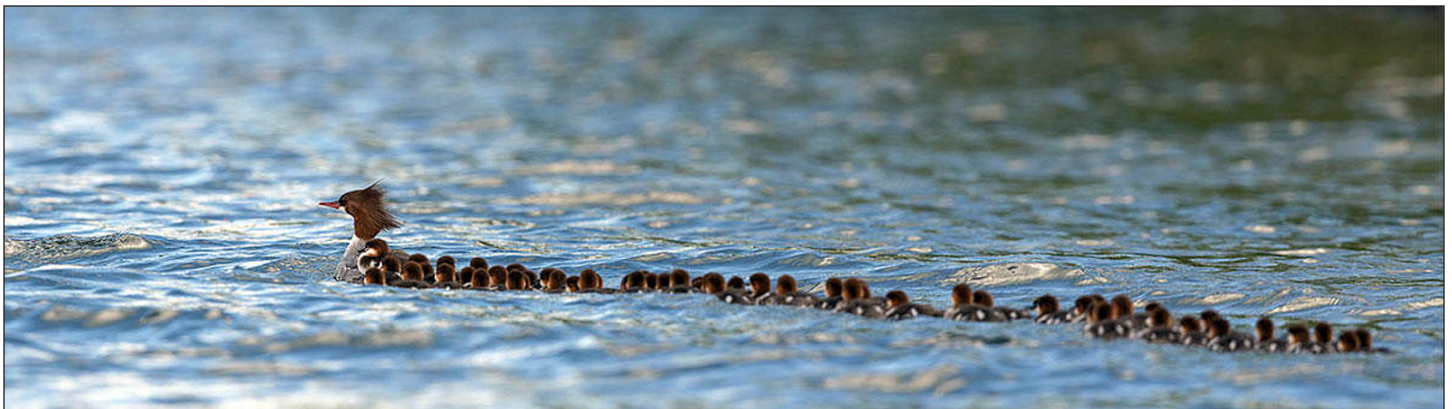
Tuesday, February 26

Monthly Program and Chapter Meeting

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Library! at Cole & Ustick, 7557 W Ustick Rd, Boise
Many people don't attribute high intelligence to animals, including birds, claiming it is only instinct or simple learning. "Bird brain" has become a negative phrase for low intelligence, but this is a fallacy. Recent information demonstrates that some birds are quite intelligent. They can be as smart as apes and can even surpass humans in some skills. Join Steve Bouffard, retired Refuge Manager and Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as he discusses some of these recent findings.

Duck Daycare!



Common merganser female with 76 ducklings in tow on Lake Bemidji in Minnesota

Photo by Brent Cizek

Golden Eagle Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auction

Saturday, 6 p.m., March 9, 2019

Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise

\$50 Per Person



The speaker for the 2019 GEAS Banquet will be Nathan Pieplow. *The Amazing Sounds of Birds*. What bird uses its voice to echolocate inside dark caves? Which bird sings a duet with itself? Which bird sings over a thousand different songs? In this presentation for general audiences, Nathan Pieplow, author of the *Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds*, shares some of his most remarkable audio from over a decade of recording birds in the field. In this captivating program you will see the sounds as well as hear them, and learn the stories of the birds that made them, and what some of those birds are actually saying.

Pieplow blogs about bird sounds at the website Earbirding.com. He is one of the authors of the *Colorado Birding Trail* and a former editor of the journal "Colorado Birds." He teaches writing and rhetoric at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is the associate director of Global Studies Residential Academic Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Please join us for this annual fund-raising event. In addition to our distinguished presenter, we will have a silent auction before dinner during the social hour at 6 p.m. Come spend an evening in good company and select a homemade dessert for \$5. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

GEAS BANQUET REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS — DUE BY MARCH 4, 2019.

Mail this form and your check payable to GEAS to: GEAS, 1963 Teal Lane, Boise, ID 83706. You may pay by credit card online at www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/banquet. Questions? Contact Dondi Black at (208) 407-8798 or dondiblack@gmail.com.

To Pay By Check:	
Name: _____	Phone: _____ Email: _____
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Number of tickets @ \$50 per guest: _____	Check enclosed: \$ _____

The entrée choices are: 1) Rosemary and Cracked Pepper Roasted Prime Rib, 2) Hagerman Trout, or 3) Vegetarian Fiesta. Please circle a meal choice for each guest.

Guest Name: _____	Meal Choice:	Prime Rib	Trout	Vegetarian
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To donate a homemade dessert, contact Danette Henderson at: 208-631-6602 or danette444@gmail.com.

I would like to donate \$_____ for a teacher/student ticket to attend the banquet or to pay for their participation at other GEAS events that involve a cost.

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We invite you to join the Golden Eagle Audubon Chapter

Membership in the local chapter includes a one-year subscription to *The Golden Eagle*, and all my dues remain with the local chapter and support local activities.

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