



The Golden Eagle

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Owls in winter, other migrating birds and airplanes don't mix

By *Crista Videriksen Worthy*

I always think of winter as owl-time. Beginning in December, great horned owls can be heard almost any night, even in suburbia. Males and females hoot at each other as the nesting season begins. They've been quite active here in the Boise foothills; my neighbor Trent Mitchell got a gorgeous photo of one without disturbing it, courtesy of his mega-telephoto lens.

Owls have been in the news, too. On the night of December

30, a call was made to the Teton Raptor Center's (TRC) Injured Raptor Hotline. A crowd of people was gathered around an apparently injured great horned owl on the ground near the Town Square in Jackson, Wyoming. TRC staff arrived to rescue the bird but instead found that the owl was healthy and simply "covering" its kill. Owls and other raptors typically spread their wings over a kill to keep other birds from stealing it. Even with the bright lights and noisy people surrounding it, the owl didn't want to abandon its meal. TRC staff shooed the people away so the owl could have some privacy. The victim in this case was a common raven, a bird that on average weighs nearly as much as the owl. Great horned owls are one of the few avian predators of ravens. Indeed, these owls aren't afraid to eat skunks either. The owls can't smell, so the skunk's main defense doesn't deter them. If you're visiting Jackson, stop by the Teton Raptor Center, which rescued and rehabilitated 127 raptors in 2018.

Winter is also the time when some snowy owls fly south from the Arctic tundra to portions of the northern U.S. Often, they hang around airports, thereby creating a hazard to landing and departing aircraft. In the past, such snowies were generally shot, but major efforts have been made over the last few years to capture the owls and relocate them safely elsewhere. Project SOAR (Snowy Owl Airport Rescue) has been doing just that at airports in Wisconsin; they've relocated 10 of the big white owls so far.

Speaking of bird strikes, January 15, marked 10 years since the so-called "Miracle on the Hudson" when pilots Chesley Sullenberger and Jeffrey Skiles glided their stricken Airbus

A320 to a safe ditching in the Hudson River, after it had struck a flock of Canada geese. Bird strikes are a serious problem worldwide, but pilots, air traffic controllers, and government agencies have been working to reduce the numbers, and many of the efforts have been amazingly successful—especially in Israel, where spring and fall migrations bring an epic number of birds funneling over that tiny country as the birds fly between Africa and Europe.



Great horned owl

Photo by Trent Mitchell

The Smithsonian Institute is involved as well. Have you ever heard of "snarge?" That's a term coined by scientists at the Smithsonian's Feather Identification Lab, who work to identify the remains of birds that have been struck by aircraft. Snarge can consist of feathers, feather fragments, blood or tissue. Feathers or other body parts can be compared with specimens in the SI museum collection to make an identification. Otherwise, DNA tests can be employed. Species identifications provide the baseline data needed to plan habitat management on airfields, build avoidance programs, and have even been used to assist engineers to design windscreens and engines that are more resilient to birdstrike events. Any pilot who hits a bird is encouraged to send the snarge to the lab for evaluation.

The biggest thing I've ever hit while flying is a butterfly; I once flew through a migrating "flock" of monarchs at 10,000 feet over the desert near Palm Springs and felt terrible about it. I used to enjoy flying fast and extremely low out over the ocean off the southern

California coast, legal if you remain away from people and boats, until my husband pointed out that both the bird and I would die if I ever hit a pelican at that speed and altitude. That was the end of those flights. But I never tire of sitting by the shoreline, watching the brown pelicans sweep and whirl over the waves, or dive for fish. They almost died out in the 1960s, victims of DDT, which made their eggs so fragile they broke during incubation. Seeing a brown pelican, or a peregrine falcon, or a California condor, flying wild and free will make your spirits soar. Yes, people can work together to save other species. We need to remember what we are capable of, so we can keep doing it.

President’s Message

By Liz Urban

My family welcomed a baby girl in December, and one of the many things I have appreciated is the birds outside the windows. I may not be able to plan on any far afield birding trips for awhile, but it is wonderful that with just a little effort to maintain feeders and a bird bath I can enjoy up to a dozen species while holding my baby on the couch, though I hope to get outside more soon. Filling the feeders is a task that brings joy to my three-and-a-half-year old son, so we all enjoy different elements of bird watching; even the indoor cat fulfills some primal instincts watching the bird bath from the window.

I think some of the magic of birds is that they can be found nearly everywhere and are accessible. A few blooming native plants on an apartment balcony can bring birds close enough to view without binoculars. A walk in the park might bring memorable experiences with crazy geese to a family who never thought much about birds before. It doesn’t take much to find anecdotes from those around us, and not much more to convert them into avian admirers.

A 2016 survey of outdoor recreationists estimated more than 45 million Americans watch birds each year, with more and more people participating every year. I think it’s incredible that birds appeal to so many, and it is great that our chapter is so committed to sharing the wonder of birds and the larger natural world with our community. Through presentations, classes, field trips, and fun events, we engage thousands every year, and hopefully a few of those folks will take the next step on the ladder of engagement and learn about the importance of conserving habitat or take simple steps to protect birds like turning off your outdoor lights at night during migration.

Keep an eye on our calendar as spring approaches. There are already a number of great events planned with more to be announced soon. We are working to offer a broader variety of volunteer activities and social events to appeal to our diverse membership and community. We hope to see you soon, and why not share your love of birds with a friend too?

Liz Urban, president

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GEAS CALENDAR

March-April 2019

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News From the Board: November and December

- The board has formed an ad hoc committee, led by Alan Crockett and Alex Takasugi, to research investment opportunities to make the best use of chapter bequested funds, providing financial stability for the future.
- The board is discussing changes to the newsletter and its distribution. We want to be able to provide a mailed hard-copy to those who prefer it, but also want to ensure that we are using chapter funds efficiently and putting them to work where they most help birds and our community.
- An ad hoc committee is seeking an interested candidate to serve as secretary in the coming board elections. Anyone interested in serving or learning more may contact Dondi Black or Sean Finn.
- The annual appeal raised more than \$8300 for the chapter; thank you very much for your support.
- The board and education committee worked on submitting several grant requests to the National Audubon Society to advance our advocacy and outreach work.

Volunteer News

Volunteer Acknowledgments

A big thanks to Alexander Sapiens, Dondi Black, Teresa Sabala, Gail Nottingham, Susan Hazelton, Sue Norton, Danette Henderson, Alex Takasugi, Louise Maley, Alice Crockett, Ann Debolt, Matt McCoy, Ann Swanson, Liz Urban and many others working hard to make this year's banquet a success. We appreciate Nathan Pieplow for coming to Boise to speak at our banquet.

Thank you to our Climate Watch volunteers Alan Crockett, RL Rowland, Alex Takasugi, Terry Rich, Eric Thomson, Patti Guicheteau, Pam Bly, Tom Carroll, Jeff Black, Sean Finn, Amy Silver, Gary Worthington, Judi Zuckert, Frank Jenks. Thank you to Dondi Black for coordinating.

Many thanks to our field trip leaders: Alan Crockett, Kristin Gnojewski, Jim James, Kathy Barker McCoy, Alex Takasugi, RL Rowland.

Thank you to the library staff at Cole & Ustick, Bown Crossing, and Collister libraries for partnering with us for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

We thank Krisin Gnojewski for taking on additional Bird by Bird classrooms during Liz Urban's maternity leave.

We would like to thank Libby Adams, Dana Ahlstrom, Ben Brock, Scott Cowen, Terra Falconer, Kristin Gnojewski, Dana Hopper-Kelly, Rick Ohlendorff, Colleen Moulton, Myndie Peterson, Sandy Provant, Kelly Selvage, Lorna Snowden, Alex Takasugi, Jeremy Thompson, and Maggie Wilson and the students at Summerwind, Lowell Scott, Bishop Kelly, Peace Valley, Anser, Borah, and Adams

schools for seeding out native plants. We also want to thank Zamzow's, the Library! At Cole-Ustick, and the Dick Eardley Senior Center for their support. Thank you to Sean Finn for coordinating.

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, Leah Dunn, Alice Crockett, Terra Falconer, Susan Hazelton, Dondi Black, Libby Burtner, and Sue Norton.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kristin Gnojewski

Kristin Gnojewski has always loved helping people see the world through a new lens and connecting them to their environment through birds. Seven years ago, while working at a Bird by Bird event she was approached to be on GEAS's education committee, and of course she said yes. The rest is history.

Over the years, Kristin has worn multiple hats as she has worked to engage our community through education. From assisting the Treasure Valley Native Plant Network at outreach events to leading Bird Walks in the Park, Kristin has taken an active role in giving GEAS a voice. She also helps out with numerous outreach activities such as the Raptor Fest, the Kids Christmas Bird Count and the Capitol City Public Market. She is always there to lend a helping hand.

When Kristin is not volunteering with Golden Eagle Audubon Society,

nine months out of the year she works with Boise Parks and Recreation's Volunteer and Community Programs. Her role involves working with a range of volunteer groups on projects in our parks. She also assists with organizing and facilitating education opportunities in the parks, like the Bioblitz coming up in April! During her three months off she volunteers with a range of environmental education organizations. In her free time, Kristin enjoys reading, Nordic skiing, hiking, biking, travelling and just being outdoors.

When asked what her favorite memory from volunteering with GEAS has been, Kristen recalled: "The joy and excitement expressed by a student with very special needs when he was able to see a male wood duck close up through the spotting scope. He started shouting out all of the colors he could see. It was truly magical!"

Thank you to Kristin for helping to inspire our community to make a difference.



GEAS EVENTS for March and April 2019

Field trip information is subject to change. Please check the GEAS calendar online www.goldeneagleaudubon.org for up to date information or contact Dondi Black at 208-407-8798 or Dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org.

Field Trip Etiquette: We carpool for out of town field trips. Please contribute gas money to your driver. If you RSVP for field trips, you will be notified of cancellations or changes, otherwise please check the calendar. RSVP links are on the website calendar for easy access or RSVP by contacting Dondi Black (info above).

Saturday, March 2

Field Trip: SIBA. Fort Boise WMA

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Franklin Road Park & Ride in Caldwell

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

Join SIBA for this full day field trip to Fort Boise WMA. They will be looking for early season migrants, marsh and pond residents. The group should see Snow, Greater White-fronted and maybe Ross's Geese. Also, Sandhill cranes, turkeys and winter-feeding flocks of songbirds. This is an easy walking trip and could be all day. Bring warm beverages, snacks, lunch and warm clothes. Be prepared for cold and wind. SIBA (Southwestern Idaho Birders Association) is a birding group based out of Canyon County. All are welcome on their field trips.

Saturday, March 9

GEAS Annual Banquet

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Location: Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 W Fairview Ave, Boise
Join GEAS for a wonderful evening featuring a special presentation by Nathan Pieplow, dinner, homemade desserts, and a great silent auction and raffle. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for our chapter each year and is a great chance to connect with fellow members while supporting our important work. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/event-3090225>

Sunday, March 10

Bird Walk in the Park: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve

Time: 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve off Maple Grove

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

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. Binoculars and guidebooks will be provided if needed. Restroom available in parking area off Maple Grove. RSVP: <https://hyatt-march2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, March 16

Field Trip: Leslie Gulch

Time: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: St. Luke's in Meridian

Trip Leader: Tricia Brookman

Join GEAS for this full-day trip with hiking and birding on Leslie Gulch's Dago and Juniper Trails. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a hiking pole if you have one. There are some rocky and uneven

sections on the trails, but most sections are easy. We'll be looking for songbirds and raptors. Bring a lunch, snacks, water and sun protection. RSVP: <https://leslie-gulch2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, March 23

Field Trip: Marianne Williams & Barber Park Loop

Time: 8 a.m. – noon

Location: Marianne Williams Park

Trip Leader: Alexander Sapiens

Please join us for a half-day field trip to Marianne Williams & Barber Park Loop. We'll bird the four-mile loop through Barber Park and the natural areas on both sides of the river. Expect to see: ducks, herons, geese, raptors, owls, woodpeckers, kingfishers, songbirds, quail, etc. Bring water, layers, binoculars, snacks. Heated restrooms are available in the parking areas. RSVP: <https://marianne-loop-mar2019.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, March 26

Monthly Program: Photographing Waterfowl

Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Library! At Cole & Ustick

Presenter: Ken Miracle

Join us for a photographic tour of some of the birds found along the Boise River, diversions, ponds and sloughs in S.E. Boise from Lucky Peak to the Broadway Bridge with tips on how photograph birds in flight. Ken Miracle, who grew up in Twin Falls, graduated from Idaho State University. His primary focus in photography is wildlife with a special emphasis on birds. His motto is to "shoot, share, and conserve." His photographs are used to promote conservation in print and on the world-wide web. Ken was one of six Field and Stream Conservation Heroes of The Year in 2014. He lives in southeast Boise surrounded by wonderful bird habitat with many waterfowl neighbors. Besides photographing and watching birds, Ken enjoys helping others learn to photograph birds with an emphasis on birds in flight.

Sunday, March 31

Bird Walk: Bethine Church Nature Trail

Time: 9 a.m. – noon

Location: Park at the Greenbelt parking area NE of the Bown Crossing Library

Join Golden Eagle Audubon for this bird walk. We'll walk the Bethine Church Nature Trail going downriver, birding as we go. Expect to see songbirds, waterfowl, woodpeckers, herons and kingfishers. No public restrooms are available. RSVP: <https://bethine-church-mar2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, April 6

Field Trip: Sage-Grouse Lek

Time: 5 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Trip Leader: Sean Finn, science coordinator for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has 15 years of experience researching and conserving sage-grouse and their habitats. This trip is for Golden Eagle Audubon Society members only. Participation is limited. Registration opens at 9 a.m. March 11. An early morning trek down to Owyhee County to see greater sage-grouse on their courtship grounds, one of the great avian spectacles in North America. We need to be on site before the sun rises so we will meet at 5 a.m. and leave promptly at 5:15, transportation provided, no trailing vehicles allowed. We will drive out to a lek site,

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stopping at a pit toilet along the way, the only 'private' facility we'll see until ~11 a.m. We will spend an hour or two at the lek, observing the amazing behaviors that male grouse perform to attract mates and ward off challengers. Photography is permitted, but the position of the road and lek means we will be looking toward the rising sun. On the way back we will stop at the historic Catholic church in Jordan Valley and perhaps do some additional birding along the Snake River, and another rest stop. Expect to get back in town by about noon or 1 p.m. RSVP: <https://sage-grouse2019.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, April 7

Field Trip: Halverson Lake

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Fred Meyer on Overland parking lot

Trip Leader: Kathy Barker McCoy, cell: 208.921.1340

Join GEAS for a field trip to Halverson Lake. We should see a variety of raptors, waterfowl and desert species. This hike is relatively flat through sandy, sagebrush terrain. Plan for 2-3 miles of easy hiking. Wear clothes and shoes appropriate for desert hiking and bring water, snacks, binoculars and sun protection. It could be canceled due to weather. Please register online to be notified of any changes. RSVP: <https://halverson-2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, April 13

Field Trip: SIBA, Harris Creek Road

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Valley View Chevron Horseshoe Bend

Trip Leader: David Potter (208) 365-8380 or joemorgan409@msn.com

The Harris Creek road from Horseshoe Bend to Idaho City climbs through several habitat changes before entering Boise Basin with its Ponderosa Pine habitat. The loop to Garden Valley and back to Horseshoe Bend will make for full day and hopefully some variety in the birds we see. We hope to stop at Schoolhouse Gulch area that has a good selection of Ponderosa Pine habitat and its accompanying birds, like white-headed woodpecker, pygmy nuthatches and western bluebirds. These residents and early migrant arrivals will be tuning up for Spring and should be available for us. This will be our first foray into forested habitats this year. Plan for a full day. Bring warm beverages, snacks, lunch and warm clothes. RSVP: <https://harris-creek2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, April 20

Field Trip: Long-billed Curlews

Time: 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Limited to 12

Trip Leader: Heather Hayes

Join us for an excursion out in the field with research biologist Heather Hayes as we look for curlews. To compliment this excursion, Heather will give an engaging 40 minute presentation to the 12 participants on Thursday, April 18. She will discuss the past, present and predicted future of the curlews in southwest Idaho, along with their habits, behaviors and general biology. Additionally, she will talk about how the birds are trapped, satellite tracking, and how the public can check on where their local birds are located through the tracking map. The day of the field trip we will caravan/carpool out to curlew habitat. It is recommended to bring binoculars, scopes, cameras, sturdy footwear, layers for the weather, rain jackets, gloves/hats, snacks and sunglasses. As

always, there are no guarantees with these birds, but we did see them in this area last year the first week of April. The day in the field will cost \$25 and you can sign up here: <https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/event-3266485>

Saturday, April 20

Bioblitz: Marianne Williams Park

Contact: Kristin Gnojewski

Join Boise Parks and Recreation as we explore the vast biodiversity of Marianne Williams Park. Participants will work alongside local experts and environmental educators to document the plants, insects, birds and other organisms that call this unique park home. Through a combination of citizen science tools, you can help create a lasting record of the plants and animals that reside in Marianne Williams Park. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with nature, meet new people and contribute to science. There are multiple shifts throughout the morning, and preregistration is required. Sign up details coming soon. Please visit www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/events for up-to-date information.

Saturday, April 20

Field Trip: RL's Modified Reservoir Hop

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Meeting Location: BLM District Office near airport

Trip Leaders: RL Rowland, Kathy and Matt McCoy

Join RL on one of his infamous "Reservoir Hop" trips into the wilds of Elmore Co. This year's trip has the added bonus of two new stops into Gooding Co. that GEAS has never before gone. The first formal stop will be at Bliss Dam Park. After that we will go down the road to Pioneer Res., retrace our route, in part, back toward King Hill thence overland to Blair Trail Res., Reynold's Pond, Adin Hall Res., then, depending on time and inclination, Hot Springs Ck. Res, and/or Mtn. Home Res., return to Boise. There will be an exciting "surprise" stop with a great photo opportunity. Be there or miss out. Dress for the weather, bring snacks, lunch, water. This trip can be a longish day, near 200mi. round trip, birding time at the stops, but, there will be several places to bail for those who prefer a shorter time out. RSVP: <https://elmore-county-reservoirs.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, April 23

Monthly Program: The Birds of St. Mathew Island, Alaska

Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Library! At Cole & Ustick

Bryce W. Robinson is an Idaho based ornithologist and illustrator. His research has taken him throughout North and Central America. He manages Ornithologi: A Studio for Bird Study, which aims to integrate illustration and multimedia with research to better communicate the wonders of the avian world. St. Matthew Island, situated in the Bering Sea between Alaska and Russia, is by some measures the most remote location in all of North America, and the only breeding location for the McKay's Bunting. Robinson will share experiences from his month long stay on the island, as he explored the landscape of Alaska's least explored wilderness, interacting with some of North America's least studied birds.

Friday, April 26

Birding by Bike Field Trip

Time: 9 a.m. – noon

Trip Leader: Tom McCabe

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Participation is limited. Registration opens at 9 a.m. March 11. Join Tom McCabe for a small group birding by bike tour along the Boise River Greenbelt. RSVP: <https://bike-birding2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, April 27

Field Trip: Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh

Time: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: BLM District Office near airport Drive/Carpool to the marsh 1.5 hrs from Boise, off of Highway 20 at Hill City

Trip Leader: Jim James

Join GEAS for a full day field trip to Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh. Our first stop will be the Pilot Truck Stop off Interstate 84 in Mountain Home. Restrooms are available here. We will take a short diversion at Little Camas Reservoir. It is Idaho Birding Trail site SW30. Expect a variety of waterfowl, most of the swallows, possibly a Bald Eagle. Outhouses. At Hill City we will turn south on Swamp Road. Look for cinnamon teal, willets, snipe, phalarope and other shorebirds in the ditches and ponds. We'll turn East on Stokes Road and continue along the south side of the marsh. Expect flocks of sandhill cranes. Back to Highway 20 along Wolf Road and return home. Bring water, layers, binoculars, snacks. Bring lunch, wear appropriate clothing for the weather. This is high elevation, so plan on it being cool. There is little, if any walking. The tour is ADA accessible. RSVP: <https://camas-2019.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, April 27

Native Plant BBQ and Repotting Party

Time: Drop-in between 1 – 5 p.m.

Location: Zamzow's in Eagle, 435 S Eagle Rd. #125, Eagle Hands on activity that will create bird habitat in the Treasure Valley and get lunch too. We are teaming up with Zamzow's in Eagle to host a re-potting party. There are thousands of baby native seedlings ready to be potted in preparation for the Summer growing season. Seedlings were germinated by local school and community groups and will be used for restoration projects this Fall, but they need to be in bigger pots. All materials and

Small Grant Proposals Due by EOM April 2019

We will accept applications until the end of April, for a maximum of \$500 per application. Funding recommendations will be made by the Small Grants Committee and voted on by the GEAS board at the May board meeting. Grants to individuals or nonprofit organizations will be awarded for projects that directly benefit wildlife or their habitats in Idaho, or consist of bird related educational goals. We highly encourage projects that focus on non-game species, but will consider game species applications. For information, including the grant application and rubric, please go to: www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/Small-Grants-Program.

training provided & all ages are invited. Drop in for an hour or two or stay for the whole marathon. We will be working with sagebrush, bitterbrush, milkweed, and many more pollinator- and bird-friendly species. Local experts will be on hand to talk about wildlife friendly plantings, botany and plant care. Plus free lunch provided by Zamzow's! Donations will be accepted with 100 percent going to the Treasure Valley Native Plant Network's effort to restore habitat in your neighborhood. Contact sfinn@goldeneagleaudubon.org for information.

Sunday, April 28

Bird Walk: Bethine Church Nature Trail

Time: 9 a.m. – noon

Location: Park at the Greenbelt parking area NE of the Bown Crossing Library

Join Golden Eagle Audubon for a morning bird walk. We'll walk the Bethine Church Nature Trail going downriver, birding as we go. Expect to see songbirds, waterfowl, woodpeckers, herons and kingfishers. No public restrooms are available. RSVP: <https://bethine-church-apr2019.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday Morning Club will continue to meet through the spring on the second, third, and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Kathy Baker-McCoy for details 208-921-1340.



The Hagerman Wildlife Management Area is home to more than 30,000 ducks in winter.

Photo by N.S. Nokkentved

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: _____
Address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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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Guest Name: _____	Meal Choice:	Prime Rib	Trout	Vegetarian

To donate a homemade dessert, contact Danette Henderson at: 208-631-6602 or danette444@gmail.com.

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