



# The Golden Eagle

Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society

November/December, 2017

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## Fall Migration, a New Bird, and Our National Monuments

By *Crista Videriksen Worthy*

Fall is upon us. Even as we pull on our sweaters, changes are happening in the avian world. The black-chinned hummers deserted our feeder September 20, the same day we saw the last American goldfinch. At least the lesser goldfinches stick around all year, and we'll probably see the first junco in a day or two.

Since mid-August, my bird feeders have been inundated by fledglings, many American goldfinches but mostly house finches, to the point that they empty all three feeders each day. Armies of them fill the nearby trees and bushes. Flocks of them peck around in the grass. They flee at the tiniest sound, only to return in droves moments later.

Then on September 30, they too departed. Now, the feeders are 95 percent full at the end of the day.

The quail, which have been strolling in and out of the yard in pairs and families all summer, have now coalesced into a "herd" of about 65 birds. I call them a herd because when they are all out on the grass, they look like so many small cows. They come out mostly twice a day and pick up all the seed I throw out for them, as well any insects in the grass. Such is the rhythm of life here in the Boise Foothills.

Have you traveled to the South Hills of Idaho to see the newest bird species in North America? The Cassia crossbill lives at the northern edge of the Great Basin, south of Twin Falls. They feed on lodgepole pine seeds, and the pines in this one area have extraordinarily large, tight, cones, which have apparently co-evolved with the crossbills. The cones remain closed for years, thus providing a vast store of food only the Cassia crossbills can access, relieving them of the need to migrate. The Cassia crossbills also don't have to compete with squirrels, as none seem to exist in their range, which is only about 27 square miles. Unfortunately, hotter days can cause the cones to pop open, effectively unlocking the pantry to be emptied by others. Climate change, perhaps combined with a wildfire or two, could cause the extinction of this population, which hovers around 6,000 now but was as low as 1,700 in 2011. So, while just discovered, the bird is already in danger of "winking out." Lodgepole is forecast to

disappear from southern Idaho by 2080.

Last week I took a long road trip with my mother, driving through parts of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. We visited my friend Larry, a wildlife biologist, who lives with his wife

Mary in Laramie. He sent me a photo of a large male goshawk sitting on the water feature in their yard. Seconds after this photo was taken, the hawk hopped into the water and drank deeply, something Larry said he had never observed a raptor do in his decades of studying wildlife.

Near the Spiral Jetty on the northern shore of the Great Salt Lake, we watched a pair of bald eagles circling. But most of our time was spent in or near the Grand Staircase-



'Herd' of California quail

Photo by *Crista V. Worthy*

Escalante National Monument, pretty much my favorite part of the universe. It's been a decade since I've visited the area, which I used to visit often. I was amazed at the increased number of tourists from around the world, in fact, probably about 10 times as many people as I've ever seen. The small towns surrounding the monument now support many new restaurants, hotels and outfitters, so the visitors are pumping a lot of money into the local economies. Much more than would happen if Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke gets his way and drastically shrinks the monument so that oil and gas drilling can take place there. Shrinking this, and other, monuments is a "monumentally" bad idea, and I hope all Audubon members call their elected representatives and loudly protest this move.

One of the birds you see most commonly around the Colorado Plateau is the turkey vulture. I saw plenty of them but unfortunately missed the California condor release (again). One of these days I must make it to the Vermilion Cliffs to witness this spectacle. Speaking of vultures, have you heard what's happening in the Everglades? Black vultures are attacking cars parked at Everglades National Park. They tear off rubber: windshield wipers, door seals, and the like, and have caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Park officials have no idea why this is happening and now must loan car covers to visitors, as they have thus far been unable to get the vultures to leave the cars alone.

**President's Message**

By Liz Urban

The board of directors and I would like to welcome GEAS's first long-term contractor, Lizzy Miskell, as our outreach and development associate.

We look forward to seeing what Lizzy can help our chapter accomplish over the next year. She will help curate digital content for our webpage and social media, create a more effective volunteer network, and more. We've been working together for more than a month already, and I'm excited to see GEAS grow and engage more people. I am also very thankful that Lizzy is understanding and willing to work with us as we undertake this completely new venture for our chapter.

One new improvement that Lizzy has already addressed is improving our e-mail newsblasts by using Mail Chimp to send our correspondence. We have heard that some people's inboxes might send these e-mails to a promotions folder, so please take a look and make sure you are still receiving the new and improved e-mails from GEAS once or twice a month. We also have a new Instagram account that I encourage everyone to check out; it features fun bird trivia, pictures and more.

We have a number of events coming up in the next few months, and I hope you will consider joining us for a field trip, presentation, or family event, and if you have a chance to meet Lizzy please say hello!

Liz Urban, president



Common goldeneyes will soon be back in Boise.

*Photo by N.S. Nokkentved*

GEAS can now accept payments online for membership dues for NAS and for local GEAS members via our new "Join/Renew Audubon" page on our website; <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/html/join-audubon.html>.

**GEAS CALENDAR November-December 2017**

Field Trip: SIBA Valley County	November 11
Family Bird Walk	November 12
Field Trip: CJ Strike - East	November 18
Kids' Christmas Bird Count	December 2
Monthly Program Meeting	December 5
CBC: Cascade and Boise	December 16
CBC: McCall	December 17
CBC: Garden Valley	December 20
CBC: Nampa	December 23
CBC: Bruneau	December 30

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# News From the Board: September and October

- GEAS was honored to receive a ‘Good Neighbor Award’ by the City of Boise for our community offerings.
- GEAS volunteers Alex Takasugi and Liz Urban created a bird-themed scarecrow for the “scarecrow stroll” event at the Idaho Botanical Garden. Look for it near the bird feeders if you visit the gardens before November 3.
- September was a busy and successful month for outreach. We hosted informational tables at the Capital City Market, Hyde Park Street Fair, a Bird by Bird fund-raiser, and more. In all we talked with hundreds of people who have an interest in birds.
- Kristin Gnowjewski led an effort to make a formal proposal to the City of Boise’s Open Space Committee to undertake a small scale restoration project at Warm Springs Park over the next year with a number of community partners.
- Our first T-shirt fund-raiser raised more than \$550 for our chapter. Many thanks to those who made a purchase or donation. We hope you enjoy your shirts. If you missed your chance and would still like a shirt, keep an eye out for a future opportunity on our Facebook page.
- GEAS has been nominated in the nonprofit innovation category for our New Roots Program at the Idaho Philanthropy Day for the Southwest Idaho region.
- Please visit the GEAS web page in the second half of November to see announcements for the opening of our annual award nomination process and for our winter small grants program proposal cycle.

## Welcome Lizzy Miskell, GEAS’ Outreach & Development Associate

I am thrilled to join the Golden Eagle Audubon Society to help build the membership and volunteer base, and to increase our outreach in the community. Before relocating to Boise, I worked with a dedicated core of volunteers at Oregon’s Tryon Creek State Park. Together we rallied around a love of the outdoors and an enthusiasm for sharing experiences in nature with people of all ages. I look forward to getting to know your community and the places you hold dear, and working with GEAS and its many partners to foster new connections in the coming year.



The link for the online calendar is: <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/Calendar>

## Golden Eagle Audubon Society receives Good Neighbor Award

On September 28, Boise Mayor Bieter recognized Golden Eagle Audubon Society with the city’s Good Neighbor Award. Being a Good Neighbor means being “active in their neighborhood and community and passionate about making Boise an even better place to live,” Bieter said. Golden Eagle Audubon Society was nominated by Kate Smith for our volunteer-led programs, environmental education, conservation, and partnerships across the Treasure Valley. In her nomination, she said, “They do all of this entirely on a volunteer basis, with a genuine and enduring love for the Boise community.” We are grateful for the nomination, and to our volunteers, members and partners that make all of our work possible.

## September Outreach Events Recap

Golden Eagle Audubon Society took advantage of abundant outreach opportunities during the month of September, inviting the community to upcoming programs, offering birding resources, as well as take-home activities for our #StopTheThunk campaign to help prevent window strikes. GEAS members and volunteers worked at the Capitol City Public Market and the Hyde Park Street Fair. GEAS also joined our program partners from the Intermountain Bird Observatory and Idaho Fish and Game at a Rotary Club fund-raiser for Bird By Bird at the Payette Brewery. These events, along with our monthly meeting, field trips and National Public Lands Day at Blacks Creek, made September a month of connection and community for GEAS.



Belted kingfisher on the Boise River

Photo by N.S. Nokkentved

## GEAS EVENTS for November and December, 2017

**Field trip information is subject to change.** Please check the Calendar and Field Trips section on the website <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org> for the latest information or contact Alex Takasugi at 484-9132 or [geasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:geasfieldtrips@gmail.com) and Kristin Gnojewski at [kgnojewski@cableone.net](mailto: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 of your ride gas money and arrive 10 minutes early.

### Saturday, November 11

SIBA Field Trip: Early Winter Birds of Valley County

Trip leader: David Potter

Location: Chevron Station in Horseshoe Bend (junction of Hwy 55 and Hwy 52)

Time: 8 a.m.

We will be looking for early winter birds up the North Fork of the Payette River to Cascade and Donnelly. Based on weather, we will journey on to McCall or head to Gold Fork Hot Springs hoping to see winter finches, an American dipper or perhaps a great gray owl. Plan on a full day. Bring water, snacks, warm clothes and a lunch. If you plan to attend, an RSVP is not required but would be nice. For more information and your RSVP, contact David Potter at 208-365-8380 or [joemorgan409@msn.com](mailto:joemorgan409@msn.com)

### Sunday, November 12

Family Bird Walk in the Park.

Location: Marianne Williams Park, 3451 E Barber Valley Drive, Boise

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Contact: Alex Takasugi [geasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:geasfieldtrips@gmail.com) 208-484-9132

Explore one of Boise's newest parks with us. There are sure to be birds in the marshy, riparian habitat in this park, as well as on the pond. Bring the whole family, especially the young ones. We have binoculars and field guides you can borrow. Sign up the kids in our Frequent Flyer Club where they earn rewards for birding.

### Saturday, November 18

Field Trip: C. J. Strike East – Ted Trueblood, C.J. Strike Dam, Jacks Creek WMA and Bruneau Dunes

Trip leader: Jay Carlisle

Location: BLM office at 3948 Development Ave. by the Boise airport

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Alex Takasugi [geasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:geasfieldtrips@gmail.com) 208-484-9132

Our first planned stop will be at Ted Trueblood WMA. Then we'll work our way toward C. J. Strike Dam, Jacks Creek WMA and possibly Bruneau Dunes if time allows. This will be an all-day trip. Bring lunch, water, snacks and wind protection. Be prepared for any kind of weather.

### Monday and Tuesday, November 27 and 28

Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership fall meeting in Boise; anyone interested in joining this coalition of partners to advance bird conservation across the state please may attend this two day meeting. Look for details on our calendar or e-mail Jay Carlisle at [jaycarlisle@boisestate.edu](mailto:jaycarlisle@boisestate.edu) for more information.

### Saturday, December 2

Kids' Christmas Bird Count

Time: Bird Walks at 10 and 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Location: MK Nature Center, 600 S Walnut Street, Boise

Contact: Alex Takasugi [geasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:geasfieldtrips@gmail.com) 208-484-9132

This trip will be our sixth Children's Christmas Bird Count.

Contribute to citizen science by counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Then, enjoy the MKNC's Holiday Birdseed Sale fundraiser with activities for the whole family! We will provide binoculars, guide books and tasty treats. Enjoy take-home crafts and live bird presentations by the MKNC before or after bird counting.

### Tuesday, December 5

Program Meeting: Phoenix from the ashes: the California Condor, Marti Jenkins and Tate Mason.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Trophy Room at Idaho Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise,

Through the work of the Peregrine Fund at the World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise, the California condor has been brought from the brink of extinction. The California condor is the largest soaring bird in North America with a wingspan of more than nine feet. Compared to a golden eagle, the condor is twice as heavy and its wingspan is two feet wider. They are exclusively a carrion feeder. In 1987, there were only 27 condors (13 males and 14 females). Through a captive-breeding program, these numbers have now rebounded to more than 400. Come learn how the Peregrine Fund in Boise has performed this miracle. Marti Jenkins is the propagation manager, Peregrine Fund, and Tate Mason, is director of the World Center for Birds of Prey.

### Christmas Bird Count Dates and Information

#### Saturday, December 16, Cascade CBC

Leader: Ingrid Brudenell, 208 336- 4136, [ibrudenell@gmail.com](mailto:ibrudenell@gmail.com)

Location: Meet at the Ashley Inn, Highway 55, at the north end of Cascade

Time: 7:30 a.m.

This count will focus on the area around Cascade Reservoir, north fork of the Payette River, and surrounding country side. Be prepared for cold and wind. We will warm up with a chili lunch and exchange bird counts and stories. Final counts will be compiled at the end of the day. Please RSVP to Ingrid Brudenell, [ibrudenell@gmail.com](mailto:ibrudenell@gmail.com) for more information or if you are planning to attend.

#### Saturday, December 16, Boise CBC

Contact: RL Rowland, [rlrowland@centurylink.net](mailto:rlrowland@centurylink.net) 208-336-9808 best, no answer, try 208-297-9953.

Location: Trophy Room, Idaho Fish & Game HQ, 600 S. Walnut, Boise, northeast entrance (in rear)

Time: 7 a.m.

This year of 2017 is the National Audubon Society's 118th Christmas Bird Count, arguably the oldest continuous Citizen Science project in the country. This 118th Count Year also marks our 51st Boise CBC. RL will furnish the morning's sugar jump-start of Uncle Joe's finest mixed pastries, participants please to bring their own breakfast beverage of choice. No fees to participate, just your time, maybe a bit of gas, some shoe leather. Dress appropriately for the weather. We've tried to mix the areas so that each includes some walking as well as some



## Zinke to Revise Sage-grouse Conservation

On October 11, 2017, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke issued two Notices of Intent aimed at restructuring the department's approach to millions of acres of sagebrush habitat and hundreds of sage-grouse populations across the western United States.

Though the sagebrush ecosystem has been recognized as one of the most imperiled ecosystems in North America, greater sage-grouse are currently not earmarked for Endangered Species Act protection in part because of extensive, collaborative conservation planning efforts led by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. Leading up to the 2015 listing decision, 98 land use plans were amended – an effort that designated 10 million acres for sage-grouse habitat in six Western states and formed the backbone of the conservation blueprint for the bird. The plan amendments were strong enough to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the bird for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

However, in October 2017, BLM issued a notice that officials had canceled the withdrawal of about 10 million acres of public lands from mining, and oil and gas development, determining that the lands are no longer needed in connection with the proposed withdrawal.

The BLM has also announced a Notice of Intent to amend land-use plans regarding greater sage-grouse conservation and designated Sage-grouse Focal Areas. These plans were just amended or revised in 2014 and 2015 based on collaborative conservation planning efforts with western states and other interested groups, and will be re-evaluated to address the designation of Sage-grouse Focal Areas and other greater sage-grouse land management issues that may warrant land use plan amendments. These notices are in response to Secretary Zinke's Secretarial Order 3353 last June to review the greater sage-grouse plans and explore possible plan modifications to manage the bird based on population targets rather than habitat management, as well as allow for more fluid mineral lease prioritizations in greater sage-grouse priority habitats. Yet, the biggest threat for greater sage-grouse is habitat loss and fragmentation. This order is on the heels of President Trump's executive order on promoting energy independence and economic growth aiming to increase oil and gas drilling.

These decisions were opposed by several western governors and many conservation organizations.

"It wasn't broken and it didn't need fixing," National Audubon Society President and CEO David Yarnold said in a statement. "But if you break it, it becomes your legacy, and that's not something Zinke's hero, Teddy Roosevelt, would ever have done."

Amending dozens of BLM and Forest Service land-use plans will require extensive environmental analysis and public comment that will likely take years to complete. Publication of these notices will kick off a 45-day public comment period during which anyone can suggest changes to the plans. The notices initiate a public scoping process for resource management plan amendments with associated National Environmental Policy Act documents.

Comments may be submitted in writing until November 27, 2017. The dates and locations of public scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers and online at: <http://bil.ly/GRSGPlanning>. Questions

## Blacks Creek Work Days Recap

Golden Eagle Audubon members celebrated National Public Lands Day with a diverse set of partners by participating in two work days at Blacks Creek Bird Reserve.

The Bird Reserve 10 miles south of Boise is an Audubon Important Bird Area and a Jewel of the Desert in south Ada County. It's also one of the hottest birding spots in southwest Idaho. But due to its checkered history Blacks Creek still requires a little TLC to enhance the habitat and improve visitor experiences.

On September 29 and 30, that's just what we did! Along with BLM Boise District staff, the Wednesday Morning Bird Club, Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, Idaho BLM State Employees Association, and students and faculty from Borah High School, Liberty Elementary School and Summerwind STEM Academy we planted more than 700 native plant seedlings, removed weeds, marked and improved more than 2.5 miles of trail, measured vegetation change at permanent monitoring plots, and cleaned up the highway adjacent to the Reserve.

In all, more than 120 volunteers, about 90 of whom were K-12 students, contributed more than 500 hours making Blacks Creek Bird Reserve a better place for birds and birdwatchers. A great time was had by all, capped off with T-shirts and snacks and satisfaction for a job well done. We can't thank our partners and volunteers enough. Did you miss out on this fun? Not to worry. GEAS is expanding its conservation and restoration programs. Connect with us on our website, [www.goldeneagleaudubon.org](http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org), to learn about upcoming opportunities.



Volunteers help clean up at Blacks Creek Reserve Photo by Jason Grey

or comments relevant to Idaho populations and habitats may be submitted to Ammon Wilhelm 208-373-3824 [awilhelm@blm.gov](mailto:awilhelm@blm.gov), 1387 S Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83708.

The GEAS Board and Conservation Committee intends to submit comments on behalf of our 1,000 members – and we need your help drafting and reviewing these comments. Please contact Conservation Chair Matt Podolsky at [matthew@wildlensinc.org](mailto:matthew@wildlensinc.org), or Sean Finn at [a.gentilis@gmail.com](mailto:a.gentilis@gmail.com), if you can help prepare GEAS comments.

## GEAS EVENTS continued

driving. Plenty of choices. Know one of the fourteen areas well? Contact RL if you would like to take charge of that particular area, assemble your team from the gathered volunteers on Count Day. Still a beginning Birder? We can put you with others to help you learn. No need to sign-up in advance, just show up at the appointed place and time on Count Day. We are all volunteers, so whether you can only do a part day or, better yet, all day, please to join in and Let's Count Some Birds!

After the count, we will compile the results at a pot luck at Libby Burtner's house. Libby will provide soup or chili and bread; guests may bring salads, drinks or desserts if they like. Directions to the house will be provided the morning of the count.

### Sunday, December 17, McCall CBC

Compiler/contact: Matt Dresser, mattedresser@gmail.com 208-718-1434

Location: Idaho Fish and Game McCall office, 555 Deinhard Lane

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Please contact compiler Matt Dresser if interested in participating. This will be the fourth official McCall count. The count circle includes McCall, Payette Lake, Ponderosa State Park, North Fork Payette River and portions of Meadows Valley and Long Valley. If there is sufficient snow, some areas may be covered on skis or snowshoes. McCall is likely to be one of the highest and most scenic CBCs in the state!

### Wednesday, December 20, Garden Valley CBC

Leader: Gary Worthington, garyworthington@outlook.com 208-853-2599; co-leader: David Potter joemorgan409@msn.com 208-365-8380

Location: Gary's home at 8109 W. Powell, Boise

Time: 6:15 a.m. at Gary's home to carpool/caravan; or 7 a.m. at the Chevron Station back parking lot in Horseshoe Bend; or 7:30 a.m. at Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, downtown Crouch.

### Saturday, December 23, Nampa CBC

Leaders: Denise Hughes, deniseh449@gmail.com 208-850-5885; Cheryl Huizinga, bhuizinga@cableone.net 208-880-5687

Location: Deer Flat NWR Visitor Center

Time: 7:30 a.m.

We will split into area groups and start the count at 8:00 am. We will meet back at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m. to hand in the count sheets and have a hot Chili and Soup supper to warm-up afterwards. There is also a Feeder Count part for those not able to be in the field. Please contact Cheryl or Denise for more information.

### Saturday, December 30, Bruneau CBC

Leader: Joey Weldon

Location: Boise District BLM Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise

Time: 7 a.m.

This is expedition quality birding within portions of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, around CJ Strike Reservoir and the Snake River from below the dam, and portions of Bruneau Dunes State Park. This year's Bruneau CBC is also a kick-off celebration event for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the designation of the conservation area, which will be celebrated throughout 2018. Be prepared for bitter cold

and relentless wind and great birds. We will finish 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 and Cafe in Grand View to compile numbers and exchange stories. Dinner will be about \$12; spaghetti (vegetarian sauce will be available) with soup or salad, and French bread, dessert \$4; wine/beer extra depending on type and kind. Gratuity not included and always welcome. They put on a great dinner for us. Please RSVP to Alex Takasugi 208-484-9132 alextakasugi@cableone.net for a head count for dinner at the restaurant (helps them plan).

There is no cost for the bird counts. Results will eventually be available on the Internet.

For general knowledge, the several components to a CBC:

1) Count Period: The chosen eleven day period either side of Christmas in which each individual count is to be completed, runs from December 14 to January 5, all CBC's must be done during this time frame.

2) Count Week: Three days either side of Count Day, only species can be noted no numbers of individuals. These noted species are added into the compilation as C/W or Count Week Birds.

3) Count Day: Actual day of the count, a census of all bird species and their numbers.

4) Count Circle: The area covered. The Boise circle, as with all circles, has a 7.5 mile radius. Boise's is centered on the state capitol dome, making for an area of nearly 178 square miles and broken into 14 individual sections. Folks at the morning meeting can decide what section they would like to count in, collect their data packets and a briefing from RL on reported birds to look for in some areas.

5) Feeder Watch: Anyone not able to participate in the field can count birds coming to feeders, whether their own or a friend's. Contact RL for info on how to do a Feeder Watch. Very simple and doesn't take much time. However, all birds noted or counted during Count Week, Count Day and Feeder Watch must be within the confines of the Count Circle (see 4 above).

### Got Feeders? Have a little time to watch them two days a week?

Consider participating in Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project Feederwatch!

Citizen scientists keep track of the birds at their backyard feeders for two days a week and record what they see online; it's easy and you don't need to make a big time commitment. You never know what you'll see—a big pine siskin year or interesting visitors like mountain chickadees or even an odd blue jay in Boise. Everyone's data is important, and participants receive a copy of Winter Bird Highlights the following fall that summarizes all the data from the regions. A small fee is collected (\$18, or \$15 for Cornell Lab members) to cover the materials and support for the program. Project Feederwatch runs from Saturday, November 11 through Friday, April 13 next year.

Visit [www.feederwatch.org/about/how-to-participate/](http://www.feederwatch.org/about/how-to-participate/) to learn about the program and sign up.

**Golden Eagle Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auction**

6:00 PM Saturday, March 10, 2018

Red Lion Downtowner, 1800 Fairview Ave., Boise

\$45 Per Person



The speaker for the 2018 banquet will be Paul Bannick, an award-winning wildlife photographer specializing in the natural history of North America with a focus on birds and habitat. Mr. Bannick will present a program featuring video, sound, stories from the field and several dozen new images from his brand-new book: *Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls*. Mr. Bannick uses intimate yet dramatic images to follow owls in their distinct habitats through the course of one year.

You will witness each stage in an owl's life as it is chronicled through rare images: courtship, mating, and nesting in spring; fledging and feeding of young in summer; dispersal and gaining independence in fall; and, finally, winter's migrations and competitions for food. His program shows how owls use the unique resources available to them in each habitat to face these challenges. Nearly ten years of work in some of the most remote parts of the continent, at the darkest hours of the day, tracking owls as they move through their lives has rewarded Paul with striking images that he uses in his book and presentations.

Please join us for this annual event, which raises funds for GEAS projects: Bird by Bird, New Roots, and Blacks Creek Bird Reserve, to name a few. In addition to our dynamic presenter, we will have a silent auction, raffle and dessert sales (\$5) during the social hour, starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

**GEAS BANQUET REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS — DUE BY MARCH 5.**

**Mail this form and your check payable to GEAS to: 1963 Teal Lane, Boise, ID 83706**

**You may pay by credit card online at [www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/banquet](http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/banquet).**

**Questions? Call Sue Norton at 378-4248 or [nortonsu@msn.com](mailto:nortonsu@msn.com)**

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of tickets @ \$45 per guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The entrée choices are: Rosemary and cracked pepper prime rib, Hagerman trout, or vegetarian enchiladas. 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

***If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact Sue Norton at: 208-378-4248 or [nortonsu@msn.com](mailto:nortonsu@msn.com).***

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