



The Golden Eagle

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Getting children interested in birds teaches them to value nature

By Crista Videriksen Worthy

You never know exactly what might turn a child into a budding birdwatcher, but giving him or her a good field guide is a good start. Next, spend some time together talking about the book, go birding, and see what happens.

I don't remember whether it was my parents or my godparents who gave me my first *Peterson Field Guide to Western Birds*, but I was about nine years old. I used that book to familiarize myself with the wealth of birds in our neighborhood, an inland suburb of Los Angeles. Some of the birds I saw in our trees, such as the western tanager and phainopepla, are rare now.

My niece was also born in Los Angeles. In the summer of 2016, she and my sister moved to Mercer Island, a heavily forested island just east of downtown Seattle.

Petra enjoyed watching the goldfinches at our feeders here in the foothills, so I gave her an updated copy of the Peterson guide and explained how to use it on her walks in the forest near her home. Come to think of it, she was nine as well when she got her book.

This summer she came to visit for a week. Of her own volition, she brought her book, and what a surprise! She's been using it and developed her own system of logging bird sightings without writing on the pages (see the photo). She keeps track of where she's seen a species, and how many times. She's even seen a red-breasted sapsucker, and I haven't.

October 7, I brought in my hummingbird feeder; I hadn't seen a bird use it for several weeks. So, I texted my niece to remind her to do the same. Nope, their feeder is going to stay out for a while longer—the hummers are still visiting many times daily. This surprised me; after all, Seattle is a lot farther north than Boise, even if the nights aren't quite as cold.

To me the great thing about getting a young person interested in birding is that they learn to really appreciate and value nature, hopefully for life. People won't protect what they don't value, and we need to make sure the next generation cares about

protecting our wildlife and habitats. Plus, getting to know your local birds helps you feel "at home."

I'll toot our own horn a bit by reminding you that GEAS has a wonderful program, the New Roots camp. Spearheaded by biologist and GEAS president, Liz Urban, the summertime camp has been helping refugee and immigrant students from around the world get acquainted with Boise's local bird life by taking them

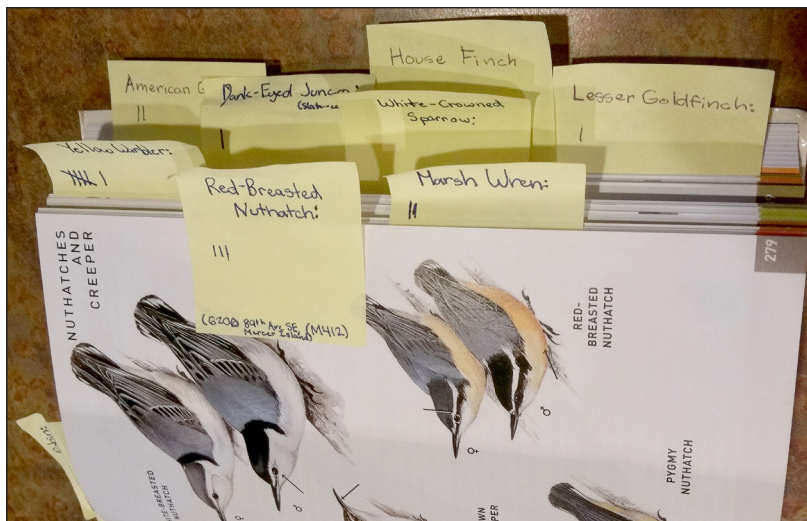
out on local field trips and overnight excursions. More than once, Urban has had to reassure a young person that there are no lions lurking in the bushes—a natural concern if you come from Kenya. The middle- and high-schoolers learn about local geology, animals, plants, and interesting careers in the sciences.

Speaking of careers in the sciences, one of my favorite naturalists, Bernd Heinrich, is also a great writer. His latest book, *A Naturalist at Large*:

The Best Essays of Bernd Heinrich is a great way to get to know this fascinating person. You'll be drawn right in as his curiosity about all kinds of birds, bugs, and trees that surround his home in the Maine woods gets the better of him. He devises simple yet ingenious experiments to learn what's going on. If you're a curious person too, you'll love this book.

I'd like to devise an experiment of my own regarding the quail in our backyard. We have at least 100 of them, but I'm pretty sure they're not just in a random covey. First, I can tell that families are still together. "Teenagers" almost the size of their parents still run after them and feed together. I think perhaps pairs maintain a bond, even over the winter. Too often to be random, it seems that there are always an equal number of males and females feeding together, and they seem to move in pairs. The way to know for sure would be to capture several pairs during the breeding season, mark each pair of birds with matching colored bands, and then see if the pairs are still together all winter. But I lack the skills and equipment. I wonder if anyone else has studied this.

Winter is on its way. I heard the owls hooting all evening again. Each winter, they serenade us all night.



Petra's system for logging bird sightings.

Photo by Crista Worthy

President’s Message

By Liz Urban

I’ve had several occasions recently to discuss the difference between being a National Audubon member and a Golden Eagle, or local, member. I thought this column might be a good way to communicate information about those membership options, as we hope readers will consider joining us as a member or supporter this coming holiday season. Golden Eagle Audubon is a chapter of National Audubon, but it is an independent 501c(3) organization. We honor memberships that are categorized as either national or local.

When someone joins as a local GEAS member all their dues stay with our chapter and are put to work here in Idaho. We offer individual, family, lifetime, and discounted student options. Dues and donations help our volunteer-led organization grow native plants for local restoration efforts, purchase binoculars used by hundreds of people in our community each year, bring under-represented youth into nature, and so much more. None of these efforts would be possible without member support.

Anyone who joins National Audubon Society and lives in southwest Idaho, will automatically be assigned as a member of the GEAS chapter too. What many members don’t realize is that, in general, membership dues paid to National Audubon are used at the national level and are not distributed to the local chapter. National does a lot of advocacy work, creates effective education and communication resources, and manages efforts and land at a number of state and regional offices. We hope someday national might consider Idaho for this level of support too.

In all, I think memberships are vital to support the work of the Audubon network, and choosing to be a local or national member is a preference of scale of where the member would like to see their dollars used. I firmly believe our money is well spent by both organizations, and I will be an Audubon member for the foreseeable future, especially in a time when environmental work is more important than ever. I hope readers will join me in making the world a better place for birds and for people by supporting Audubon as a volunteer or a financial contributor. Everyone is always welcome to support both organizations through memberships or donations.

Liz Urban, president

GEAS CALENDAR November-December 2018

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News From the Board: September and October

- The board met twice in September to work on updating our strategic plan and organizational structure. It was a great opportunity to work on our alignment of goals, spend time addressing underlying capacity issues, and begin thinking about some ways to increase our impact in National Audubon's Bird-Friendly Communities initiative. We still have work to do, but we have made great progress in trying to increase our functionality and impact.
- The board was joined by National Audubon Society's chief network officer, David Ringer, for an informal gathering to discuss our chapter and work being done at the national level.
- In collaboration with area partners, GEAS offered two educational workshops in September, Mastering eBird and Advanced Raptor Identification.
- Additional educational programming was offered at the Idaho Botanical Gardens, two Bird by Bird classrooms, and a retirement living center in September.
- GEAS partnered to offer a multi-day Public Lands Day restoration event at Blacks Creek Bird Reserve. Over two days more than 250 local students planted native plants curated by the Native Plant Network and observed birds at our bird watching station.
- The board has chosen to honor Colleen Harden, who left a gift to the chapter in her estate, with a memorial bench or tree at a Boise City Park. We hope to incorporate the memorial at Warm Springs Park, where we are working on creating a native pollinator garden this fall.
- The board and banquet committee are already hard at work preparing for the 2019 banquet on March 9.
- President Liz Urban is working on orienting our new part-time independent contractor, Terra Falconer, to fill our Outreach and Development Associate position.

Volunteer News

Volunteer thank yous

A thank you to the board for participating in strategic planning and committing additional time to this process. Thank you also to Sean Finn, Matt Podolsky, and Liz Urban for their role in facilitating this effort.

Thanks to those who have taken on additional tasks as we transition to a new contractor: Dondi Black for managing our field trip communications and email, Libby Burtner for taking on the eNews blasts, and Chris McClure and Liz Urban for doing social media.

Thank you to Chris McClure for handling the logistics of bringing special presenter Ian Davies from Cornell to town for the Mastering eBird Workshop and Michele Crist for hosting NAS's David Ringer while he was in town.

Thanks to Alexander Sapiens for taking leadership of the banquet committee and securing our 2019 speaker in addition to coordinating our monthly meetings.

A thank you to our presenters in August and September: Liz Urban, David Ringer, Ian Davis, Bryce Robinson.

Thanks to Dondi Black, Matt Podolsky, Sue Norton, and Liz Urban for reviewing and interviewing candidates for the part-time independent contractor position.

Thanks to Sean Finn, Michele Crist, and Liz Urban for working on creating the

volunteer appreciation event.

Thanks to the volunteers that made Public Lands Day at Blacks Creek possible: Maria Whitworth, Sean Finn, Alan Crockett, Alex Takasugi, Liz Urban, Lou Ann Gwartney, Karing Nial, Bonnie Urresti and Nanette McGrath, and Heather Hayes.

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Thank you to field trip leaders: Jim James, Kristin Gnojewski, Alex Takasugi, RL Rowland and Alexander Sapiens.

Special thanks to Alan Crockett for providing Wood Duck education along the Bethine Church Trail

and to Matt McCoy, Ann Debolt, Roger Rosentreter, Kathy Barker McCoy and RL Rowland for providing an educational field trip on the history and impacts of BLM land management decisions.

Thanks go to Alex Takasugi for

orchestrating a successful road clean-up along Blacks Creek Bird Reserve.

Thanks also to Matt McCoy, Dave Draheim, Tom McGinnis, Jared Fluckiger, and Joe Sirotnak.

Join us for our first annual Volunteer Appreciation event!

The board of directors invites members to celebrate the amazing year of accomplishments we have achieved together as a corps of volunteers. We will be holding an evening celebration, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Stone House on November 27. Come enjoy light appetizers, a cash bar, and this year's fantastic National Audubon's Photography Awards Exhibit on display. We hope to honor the thousands of hours we have collectively contributed to serve our community and the birds that live here. If you have led a field trip, participated in the native plant network, helped mail a newsletter, or a hundred other important tasks that we volunteers accomplish – please join us! We will recognize the work of several dedicated individuals and businesses that help make southwest Idaho great for birds and people in addition to having a chance to socialize with our fellow volunteers. We ask that if you plan to attend that you RSVP by November 11 at: <https://geas-volunteer-celebration.eventbrite.com>. (this link can also be found on our website).



Alan Crockett

GEAS EVENTS for November and December 2018

Saturday, November 3

Field Trip: Wilson Ponds

Trip Leader: Tricia Brookman

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Wilson Springs Ponds, South Powerline Road, Nampa Meet near Nampa, at Wilson Springs Ponds parking area near the restroom at 9 a.m.

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 attract large numbers of waterfowl in the winter. Brushy areas surrounding the ponds provide habitat for a variety of songbirds as well. Black-crowned night herons, yellow-rumped warblers, song sparrows and wood ducks are likely to be seen. There are paved and unpaved trails around the ponds, a restroom is available. Dress for cold weather and plan to spend a half-day. RSVP: <https://wilsonsprings.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, November 10

Volunteer Opportunity: Warm Springs Park Pollinator Garden Planting

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Warm Springs Parks, 250 S. Marden Lane, Boise

Contact: Kristin Gnojewski, kgnojewski@cityofboise.org

Volunteers are invited to join Boise Parks and Recreation, Golden Eagle Audubon Society, and FarWest Landscape Garden Center on a project to help improve Warm Springs Park on Saturday, November 10. Volunteers will help plant native plants, spread ground cover, prune trees and shrubs around the adjacent wetland, and tackle other side projects as needed. We hope to reclaim the area from undesirable plants, such as cheat grass and goatheads. We'd love to have your help! Sign up at: <https://app.better-impact.com/PublicEnterprise/EnterpriseActivity?>

Saturday, November 10

SIBA Field Trip: Early Winter Birds of Valley County

Leader: David Potter

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Meet at Chevron parking lot in Horseshoe Bend.

Contact: David Potter 208-365-8380

We will be looking for early winter birds up the North Fork of the Payette River to Cascade and Donnelly. Based on weather, we may journey on to McCall or head to Gold Fork Hot Springs hoping to see winter finches, American dipper or perhaps a great gray owl. Plan on a full day. Bring water, snacks, warm clothes and a lunch. RSVP: <https://siba-valleycounty.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, November 10

Project FeederWatch starts. Join the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for this citizen science program this winter. Information and sign up at <https://feederwatch.org/>.

Monday, November 12

Workshop series introduction: Beginning Birding by Ear

Leader: David Potter

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Meridian Public Library

\$15 <https://birdingbyear-introduction.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, November 17

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

Trip leader: Jay Carlisle

Time: 7:30 a.m.

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

Contact: Alex Takasugi 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. RSVP: <https://cj-strike.eventbrite.com>.

Sunday, November 18

Field Trip: Walk in the Park Series, Merrill Park

Trip Leader: Kristin Gnojewski

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Meet at Reid Merrill Park, 637 E. Shore Drive, Eagle

Please join Golden Eagle Audubon Society for our family and beginner friendly Bird Walk in the Park. This will be an easy walk through the park and along the greenbelt and Boise River to see a variety of local fall birds. Binoculars and guidebooks will be available. RSVP: <https://merrill-park.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, November 24

Field Trip: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve

Trip Leader: Kathy Barker McCoy

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, 5301 N Maple Grove Road, meet at lower parking lot.

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.

RSVP: <https://hyatt-nov.eventbrite.com>.

Tuesday, November 27

GEAS Volunteer Appreciation Event

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Contact: Sean Finn, sfinn@goldeneagleaudubon.org

Location: The StoneHouse, 709 E. Park Blvd, Boise

Join the GEAS board of directors in celebrating all our volunteers at this special appreciation event. We will have the 2018 National Audubon Photography Award winners on display as we enjoy an evening celebrating all we have accomplished together this past year. Light appetizers will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Please RSVP at <https://geas-volunteer-celebration.eventbrite.com> by November 12 if you plan to attend.

Saturday, December 1

Field Trip: Hagerman Area

Trip Leader: Jim James

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Meet to carpool at the BLM District Office, 3948 Development Ave, Boise.

A six-hour trip excluding detours to other hotspots on the way home for those interested. Hagerman is 1 1/2 hours from Boise. Bring lunch and wear appropriate clothing for the weather and light walking. The tour is ADA accessible. Hagerman typically has 30,000 to 40,000 waterfowl plus bald eagles and some va-

GEAS Events continued

grant gulls. Other interesting winter passerines. Our first stop will be the Hagerman rest area, milepost 183.6 on US Highway 30. Restrooms are available. We will bird the tree line and marsh trail, cross the highway to the Highway Pond and eventually visit the fish hatchery. Short, easy trails offer the opportunity to explore other ponds in the WMA. Expect two to three hours in the WMA. Anyone who wants to extend their birding day may wish to detour to Bruneau Dunes State Park and/or Loveridge Bridge on the way home. Note: Expect this trip to be cancelled in the event of snow on the highways. Check the GEAS website if in doubt. RSVP: <https://hagerman.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, December 1

Special Event: Kids' Christmas Bird Count

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Kristin Gnojewski, kgnojewski@gmail.com

GEAS is hosting the 2018 Kids Christmas Bird Count during the MK Nature Center's annual Bird Seed Sale this year. Join us as we bird around the center and submit our data during this introduction to the citizen science Christmas Bird Count tradition. We hope to host a series of walks, leaving the center every hour, so stop by at 10, 11, noon or 1 p.m. as we try and count all the birds around the area. The MKNC will likely have programming available for families, including crafts and live bird demonstrations. Visit the GEAS Online Calendar for details as this date nears.

Tuesday, December 4

Field Trip Team Meeting

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Boise Main Library, Gates Room

Contact: Dondi Black, dondi@goldeneagleaudubon.org

Join interested volunteers in planning the field trips for GEAS in the coming months. We are always looking for trip leaders, ideas for places to visit, and more. So please join in if you are interested in learning more.

Wednesday, December 5

Introduction to Birding Class

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Location: Meridian Public Library

Join GEAS in partnership with the Meridian Library for a free community education class on the basics of birding.

Saturday, December 8

Field Trip: Kathryn Albertson Park

Trip Leader: Kathy Barker McCoy

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: Kathryn Albertson Park, 1001 N. Americana Blvd.

Please join Golden Eagle Audubon Society for this local, shorter format, bird walk. All ages and experiences are welcome. Kathryn Albertson Park is a 41-acre park near downtown Boise. A haven for wildlife and quiet contemplation, the park features wide, paved footpaths in a beautiful natural setting. Bathroom available in the parking area off Americana. RSVP: <https://kathryn-albertson.eventbrite.com>.

Tuesday, December 11

Program Meeting: Birding Ghana: The Spectacular and the Difficult

Presenter: Terry Rich

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Meridian Public Library. Please note change from our regular meeting location.

Terry Rich will cover not only the birds, but the fascinating landscapes and people of Ghana. Ghana is a small country in western Africa that is visited by few tourists, except for birders. It doesn't have all the large mammals found in more famous African countries. But it does have hundreds of bird species that can only be found in that part of the continent, and it has better infrastructure than some of its neighbors. Ghana has its share of spectacular birds, such as the violet turaco and standard-winged nightjar. But it is better known for a large group of species – greenbuls and related species – that are mostly somber in color, similar to each other, and skulky. As a result, this was difficult birding, yet the adventure was great, and the sense of accomplishment especially keen once a species was finally tracked down.

Saturday, December 15

Cascade CBC and Nampa CBC

Wednesday, December 19

Garden Valley CBC

Saturday, December 22

Christmas Bird Count, Boise

Contact: Robert Magill, rmagill@wswildlife.com

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

Time: 6:30 a.m.

The 2018 Christmas Bird Count is arguably the oldest continuous Citizen Science project in the country. To help with this year's Boise count is the new Boise CBC compiler Robert Magill. He is coordinating the pre-count efforts to ensure a smooth transition from the past compiler RL Rowland who provided years of help in the past. Anyone who has any suggestions or time to help, contact Magill. There are no fees to participate, just your time, maybe a bit of gas, and some walking. The count circle is divided to provide all counters with an opportunity to count while walking and driving; remember to dress for the weather. There is some friendly competition for the more popular locations, so anyone who has a preferred area to bird should arrive early to get their name on the list. Experienced or skilled birders who would like to lead a specific area, should contact Magill. Likewise, beginning birders who would like to go out with more experienced birders, should let Magill know. More experienced participants can help others learn their winter birds and why birders get so excited about this Christmas Bird Count thing. Please remember that we cannot guarantee all people will get to survey their first-choice location. We have a lot of habitat to cover, and we need birders to cover all of it. No need to sign-up in advance, just show up at the Idaho Fish and Game's Trophy Room on the morning of the Count Day. We are all volunteers, so whether you can do a part day or participate for the full day, please join in and Let's Count Some Birds. After the count we will meet up at a yet-to-be-determined location to compile the days results. If anyone is willing to host a post-count potluck, please let Magill know as soon as possible so we can get the information out to the participants.

Saturday, December 29,

Bruneau CBC

Audubon photo exhibit is coming to town

As the Year of the Bird is nearing its end, GEAS is happy to bring the 2018 National Audubon Society's Photography Award Traveling Exhibit to the Treasure Valley.

We hosted the 2017 photographs earlier this year at the Boise Public Library at Cole and Ustick and will have the 12, 2018 award winning images on display at the Garden City Library from November 15 to 26, and the Meridian Library from November 28 to December 5.

As part of our offering at the Meridian Library we will also be teaching a free, community Introduction to Birding class on December 5. Everyone is also welcome to join us at our volunteer appreciation event on November 27 for a special showing of these gorgeous photos; details elsewhere in this newsletter.



Call For Small Grant Applications

We invite interested individuals, classrooms, and organizations to submit applications to our small grants program. The board generally awards grants of \$500 or less in the focus areas of conservation, education, and research, with a preference for projects taking place in Idaho. A GEAS committee reviews grant applications twice a year and the coming deadline for this cycle is November 15, with a board selection in December. The application can be found on the GEAS website under Programs and should be submitted via email to Libby Burtner at lburtner@goldeneagleaudubon.org.

We need your help.

The Intermountain Bird Observatory, Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership and Golden Eagle Audubon Society are partnering with the Boise River Enhancement Network to measure how a new Boise restoration project will benefit birds.

Cottonwood Creek is currently buried in a flume under Julia Davis Park ending in a concrete and stone outlet at the Boise River. The goal of the Cottonwood Creek Daylighting Project is to bring the stream back to the surface, or "daylight" the creek. This will provide bird and fish habitat and help filter storm water.

We are recruiting citizen scientists (that's you!) to record bird sightings and submit their observations to eBird. This will give us important data on the project before and after restoration occurs.

Oh, and did we mention the prizes? Check out this [google doc](#) to learn more, and find out how you can participate to win the first prize: an invite to the BREN Annual Member Appreciation Party this November!

More information: <https://goo.gl/4uaYPZ>. Questions: Contact Heidi Ware Carlisle at HeidiWare@boisestate.edu.

Hear it? What bird is that? Building *your* birding skills!

Birding using your ears as well as eyes can give you access to birds 360° around you not just where you are looking.

The Golden Eagle Audubon Society, Intermountain Bird Observatory and Southwest Idaho Bird Association are co-sponsoring another Building Your Birding Skills class. The class will focus on identifying common Idaho birds by their calls and songs.

Participants will understand and appreciate the diversity and presence of bird life even more. Reputedly, Roger Tory Peterson said skilled birders sometimes do 95 percent of their birding by ear.

What to Expect:

It is a Beginning Birding by Ear (BBBE) class: You will be introduced to the common calls generally heard year-round and songs usually associated with breeding of many of our common species that can be identified by their vocalization.

This is not a Beginning Birding (BB) class. Expectations are that you will know a good number (at least 30-40) of our commonest birds by sight.

Required introductory class: This class will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12, at our Meridian Library class location at 1326 W. Cherry Lane. The class will not only help answer any questions about the class but provide resources and tools to prepare for actual class work. Cost for introductory class is \$15.

Reply or questions: <https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/event-3109134>. Sign-up at www.goldeneagleaudubon.org.



Two fledgling ospreys near Cascade Lake

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.

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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