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UPCOMING EVENTS

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7pm via Zoom

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10 AM, Grey Reef/Alcova

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FIELD NOTES



Happy October Folks~

We are well underway with our Murie season. We have lots of exciting things working out for us.

First of all, we conducted our first general meeting via Zoom in September. Things went fairly smoothly. We are hoping that even more people join us for our October program. It's so nice to connect with people.

We also are committed to our monthly field trips. So if you're looking for some interesting birds and want to have a socially distant yet in-person conversation, be sure to check on field trip meeting times and locations.

We are also planning on continuing progress with establishing (re-establishing) bird habitat on the piggery property west of Morad park. We are currently forming partnerships with Wyoming Game and Fish, City of Casper, and Platte River Trails protect nearly 9 acres of wetland from the dog park and remove a large barb-wire fence.

We are also looking towards filling some positions on our board. If you're interested in serving, please contact me.

Thanks, everyone, and happy fall migration!

Jenny Edwards
MAS President

KIDS CORNER



Birds have feathers, wings, lay eggs and are warm blooded. There are around 10000 different species of birds worldwide. The Ostrich is the largest bird in the world. It also lays the largest eggs and has the fastest maximum running speed (97 kph). Scientists believe that birds evolved from theropod dinosaurs. Birds have hollow bones which help them fly. Some bird species are intelligent enough to create and use tools. The chicken is the most common species of bird found in the world. Hummingbirds can fly backwards. The Bee Hummingbird is the smallest living bird in the world, with a length of just 5 cm (2 in). Around 20% of bird species migrate long distances every year. Homing pigeons are bred to find their way home from long distances away and have been used for thousands of years to carry messages.

Source: <https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/bird.html>



MURIE AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip

Saturday, October 10, we will have a field trip to Gray Reef and Alcova. Meet at 10:00 AM at the first turnout at Gray Reef, about 100 yards from Wyoming 220. We will bird Gray Reef, then see what Alcova has. There is a chance for scoters on Gray Reef and loons on Alcova. You never know what else might be there. Call Stacey Scott at 262-0055 for additional information.

MURIE AUDUBON PROGRAM PRESENTS

Introduction to iNaturalist

The Murie Audubon free virtual public program, “Introduction to iNaturalist with Mason Lee,” is October 9, 7 p.m. To participate, register at: <https://murieaudubon.org/> iNaturalist is a social networking platform for nature enthusiasts to share biodiversity information-- you can record your observations, get help with identifications, and see what other people are observing around the world. Mason will explain iNaturalist and how to use it.

Mason is the project coordinator for the University of Wyoming Biodiversity Institute, and has been an iNaturalist user for 5 years . She especially loves using iNaturalist to explore the biodiversity around her when she travels and to get help identifying invertebrates that she finds!

We’re looking forward to this program and we hope that you all will participate.

Bruce Walgren
Program Chair



ZOOM

At this time the Board of Murie Audubon Society has decided to conduct general and board meetings via Zoom. I never used Zoom until requested by the Board to join the meeting for newsletter purposes in August 2020. I clicked the link Jenny provided via an e-mail. I was then directed to download the Zoom app and did so. Then I entered the meeting ID and password. Clicked Join, and entered the meeting. On a Mac, I had the choice to mute the microphone and have video or no video. This was Jenny's recommended Zoom Etiquette

"Communication is an important part of building an on-line community. As such, I'll ask that you turn your computer videos on, so that we can see each other, as we interact (obviously impossible for telephone callers). Background noise can be troublesome however, so please mute yourself in the Zoom interface, unless you're speaking. Please use the chat feature to connect with others and ask questions."

The following information is from the Zoom Website, which can be accessed via

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Quick-start-guide-for-new-users>

Overview

In this article, we will discuss how to join an instant meeting through an email invite, an instant messaging invite, from the browser, from the Zoom desktop and mobile application, from a landline or mobile phone, and with a H.323 or SIP device.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from [our Download Center](#). Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

You can also [join a test meeting](#) to familiarize yourself with Zoom.

Prerequisites

- Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a [meeting ID](#) that will be required to join a Zoom meeting
- If you are joining via telephone, you will need the [teleconferencing number](#) provided in the invite.

As Bruce mentioned, you will have to register each month for joining the programs via Zoom and receive an e-mail with the meeting ID and password.

Casey

MURIE MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION SEPTEMBER 30

Dear Murie Audubon Society Chapter Membership,

This is just a friendly reminder that per our newest bylaws, every membership expires September 30, 2020, and every year thereafter. Unless you have paid for years in advance, your membership expires September 30, every year until our bylaws change.

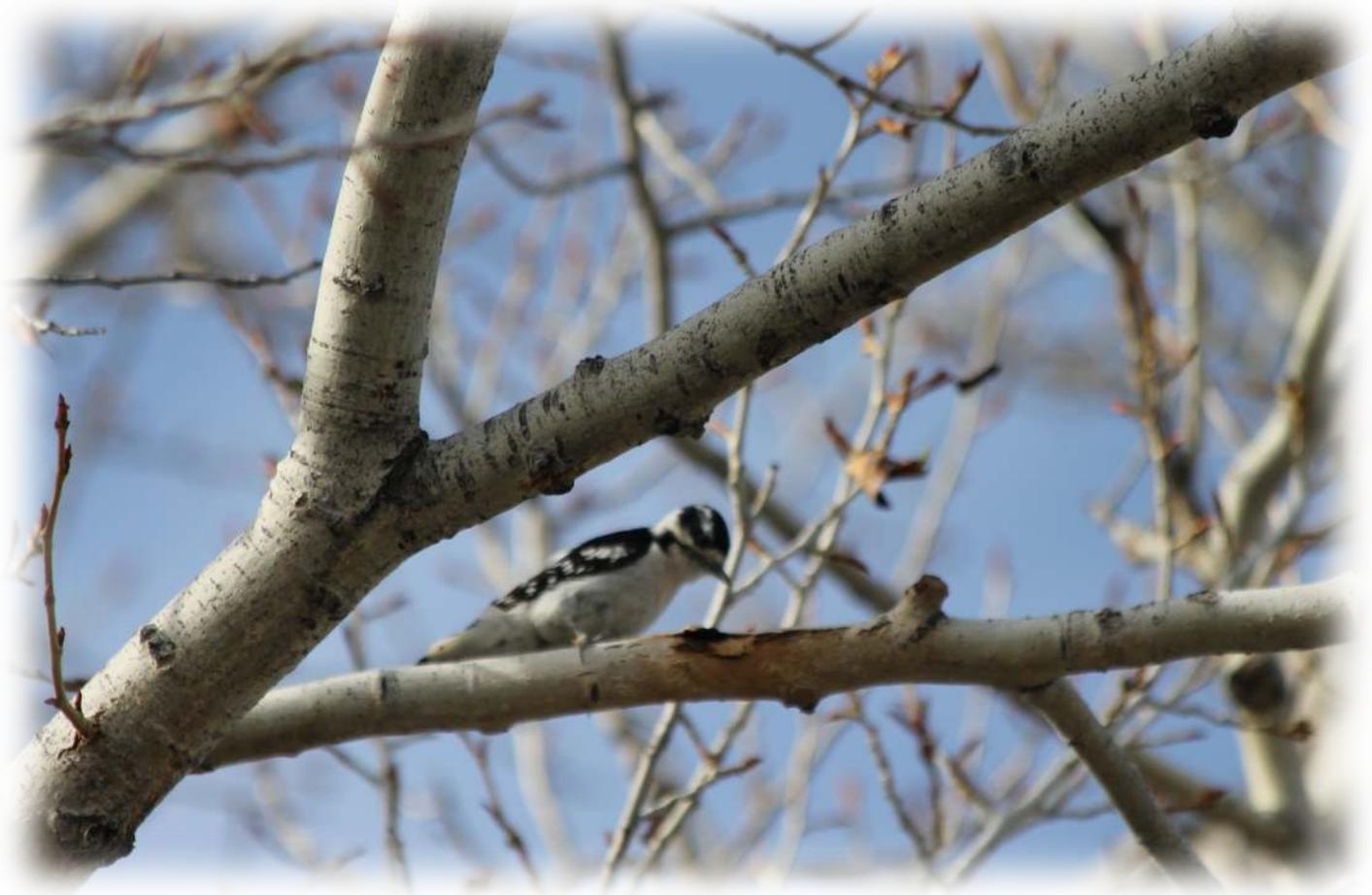
As an additional reminder, your newsletter has a mailing label that shows your upcoming expiration date.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me and I will do my best to answer any questions or clear up any errors in your membership status.

Harry

Membership Chair

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MAS VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Murie Audubon Society is to instill a passion for nature in present and future generations through awareness, enjoyment, understanding, appreciation, conservation, and advocacy.

MAS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Murie Audubon Society is to promote the conservation of birds and other wildlife through education and enhancement of natural habitats, understanding, appreciation, conservation, and advocacy.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF MURIE NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

This is just a friendly reminder that per our newest bylaws, every membership expires September 30, 2020, and every year thereafter. Unless you have paid for years in advance, your membership expires September 30, every year until our bylaws change. You will only receive one more issue after the expiration date. If you feel this is in error, please contact Harry Martin 307-258-1255 to update details.

Please be patient if you have renewed your membership. It could take up to 60 days for the renewal to be updated in our database. A good reason to renew before your expiration date.

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