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UPCOMING EVENTS

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7 pm via Zoom
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10 am, Gray Reef Dam

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FIELD NOTES



Hello~

I just wanted to offer a quick note to tell you all about the wonderful opportunities Murie has to offer this spring and summer. Stacey Scott has planned lots of field trips and outings that will certainly get you to see new birds, learn new things, and allow safe socializing.

We're also getting back into the community as we think about how to offer educational opportunities to girl scouts, boy scouts, and other kiddos interested in the outdoors. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer!

Hope you're enjoying the spring! Take care and bird on!

Jenny Edwards
MAS President

KID'S CORNER



The turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), is a bird found throughout most of the Americas. It is also known as the turkey buzzard (or just buzzard), and in some areas of the Caribbean as John crow or carrion crow.

It is one of three species in the genus *Cathartes*, ranging from southern Canada to the southernmost tip of South America. It lives in open and semi-open areas, including subtropical forests, shrublands, pastures, and deserts. The turkey vulture received its common name from the resemblance of the adult's bald red head and its dark plumage to that of the male wild turkey, while the name "vulture" is derived from the Latin word *vulturus*, meaning "tearer", and is a reference to its feeding habits. Turkey vultures return to Casper around the first week in April and leave around early October.

Taken From: https://kids.kiddle.co/Turkey_vulture

MAS MARCH PROGRAM AMPHIBIANS OF WYOMING



On April 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Charlotte Snoberger will present The Amphibians of Wyoming. She will cover the diversity of amphibians in Wyoming and share a variety of frog and toad calls. Snoberger is the Herpetologist and Wildlife Management instructor at Casper College.

Due to social distancing precautions, all future programs, including this one, will appear via Zoom. Links (see registration info below) to each program may be accessed via the Murie Audubon Facebook or web page or by requesting a link via email from bruce_walgren@bresnan.net.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 23, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcemoqDwtHNCCrKvscL2wrWvfjsmKgMKv>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Program Chair note: There is a great article in the April 2021 Wyoming Wildlife magazine entitled Who's That Hopper all about Wyoming's hoppers.

Bruce Walgren

MAS FIELD TRIPS



Covid-19 has prevented us from having regular meetings, but meeting outside and looking for birds is probably safe. These field trips are meant to be fun, so if the weather is bad, we will cancel the field trip. We will try to post the field trip information on WyoBirds, Facebook and the Murie web site. You can call Stacey Scott at 262-0055 for the latest information or any questions. Birding is a lot of fun, so we will make an effort to teach everyone how to identify the birds that we see. Children are very welcome, so bring you children or grandchildren.

All the field trips are subject to change or the weather, but ones after April are more of a wish list than a sure thing.

April 17, Saturday, Goldeneye, meet at 10:00 at Goldeneye (25 miles, 30 min from Casper)

April 24, Saturday, Leave from Game and Fish at 7:00 AM to see birds along the west side Boysen Reservoir. We are especially looking for Sage Sparrows in Sage Brush. (112 miles, 2 hr)

May 1, Saturday, Goldeneye, meet at 9:00 at Goldeneye (25 miles, 30 min from Casper)

May 2, Sunday at EKW, meet at 7:00 AM at EKW, and quit before church (Less than 9 miles, 15 min from Casper)

May 8, Saturday, Goshen Hole, all day, meet at 7:00 AM at Game and Fish (160 miles, 3 hr from Casper)

May 9, Sunday at EKW, meet at 7:00 AM at EKW, and quit before church (Less than 9 miles, 15 min from Casper)

May 15, Saturday, Cheyenne Big Day (180 miles, 2hr 30min from Casper)

May 16, Sunday at EKW, meet at 7:00 AM at EKW, and quit before church (Less than 9 miles, 15 min from Casper)

May 21, Bird-a-thon to support Audubon Rockies, all day, call Stacey Scott for more details.

May 22, Lake DeSmit area led by Tina Toth. More details later. (120 miles from Casper, 2 hr from Casper)

May 29 or 31, The Fontenelle Trap to look for warblers below Fontenelle Dam. This is more of an idea than a definite trip (266 miles, 4 hr from Casper)

May 30, Sunday at EKW, meet at 7:00 AM at EKW, and quit before church (Less than 9 miles, 15 min from Casper)

June 5, Little Red Creek, Meet at Game and Fish at 7:00 AM to go to Little Red Creek. This could be moved a week earlier or later (28 miles, 50 min)

June 12, Dirty Shirt Woods to listen for Flammulated Owls. Very dependent on no Thunderstorms (20 miles, 40 minutes)

July 10, Saturday, meet at 10:00 to look for butterflies with Dwaine Wagoner. Where we will meet will be decided later when we know more about the early summer weather.

Aug Picnic at EKW, The date hasn't been decided yet.

Sept 6, Labor Day, EKW to look for warblers (Less than 9 miles, 15 min from Casper)

Stacey Scott



Photos from: https://kids.kiddle.co/Turkey_culture

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, 2021, 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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