



WINGS ACROSS
THE BIG SKY!

June 6-8, 2014
GranTree Inn
Bozeman, Montana

15th Annual Montana
Audubon Bird Festival

Welcome to Wings Across the Big Sky!

The 15th Annual Wings Across the Big Sky Festival, co-hosted by Montana Audubon and Sacajawea Audubon Society, is shaping up to be a spectacular event! We hope you will join us in Bozeman, Montana on June 6-8, 2014 for dynamic birding field trips, interesting speakers and presenters, informational booths, and fun festivities as we celebrate efforts to conserve our birds and wildlife in Montana.

Peruse this brochure for information on our Festival registration, speakers, and fantastic birding tours to help you decide how to spend your fun-filled weekend in and around Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley.

Field Trips

We have a great variety of field trips available this year. Review each described on the following pages and list three choices for each participant on the registration form. All field trips are limited to 15 participants and leave the GranTree at 6:00 a.m. and return at noon, unless otherwise noted. Sack lunches are available as part of your registration fee for both days; be sure to take water and any personal needs, including binoculars, rain gear, comfortable shoes/boots, camera, and a two-way radio if you have one.

Keynote Address:*

Gifts of the Crow (Dr. John Marzluff)

Crows are mischievous, playful, social, and passionate. They mate for life and associate with relatives and neighbors for years. And because they often live near people, they are also keenly aware of our peculiarities, scolding anyone who threatens or harms them, and quickly learning to recognize and approach those who care for and feed them, even giving them gifts in return! In his keynote address Dr. Marzluff describes the ongoing connection between humans and crows—a cultural co-evolution—which has shaped both species for millions of years.

John Marzluff, Ph.D., is Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington. His research has been the focus of



articles in the *New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, and *National Wildlife*. PBS's NATURE featured his raven research in its production, "Ravens," and his crow research in the film documentary, "A Murder of Crows." Dr. Marzluff has authored over 120 scientific papers on bird behavior and wildlife management. He is

currently leader of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Team for the endangered Mariana Crow.

* Our featured keynote speaker is co-hosted by Gallatin National Forest.

Saturday Presentations

We are excited to once again feature a diverse array of Saturday afternoon speakers to educate and inspire us. We will host break-out sections from highly regarded researchers, conservationists, and bird aficionados. The hardest part will be choosing which talk to see! Topics include:

- Montana's Ospreys and toxins;
- Sage-Grouse conservation;
- Bird migration in the Middle East;
- A new "Field Guide to Birds in a Changing Climate";
- Bridger Raptors; and
- Birds, Beetles, and Burns.



Bridger Mountains from Chestnut Mountain. Photo by Matt Lavin.

BIRD FESTIVAL FIELD TRIPS



SA1 / SU1 East Gallatin Recreation Area: Where Bridger Creek flows into the East Gallatin River, this park on Bozeman's north side is rich with birdlife. In the wet riparian areas you can listen to the morning chorus of Veery, Gray Catbird, and Black-headed Grosbeak. The grasslands, brushy areas, and Glen Lake will provide opportunities to find an assortment of sparrows, swallows, and water birds. This location is truly a hotspot, where nearly anything is possible during the spring and fall migrations. This trip will also stop at the "M" Trail and the Fish Hatchery to look for Calliope Hummingbirds, Green-tailed Towhees, and several other species not found farther down Bridger Creek. **Nearly level walking; two miles.**



SA2 / SU2 Headwaters: The Headwaters area has a variety of habitats, including sage/grassland and riparian, where species from Common Mergansers to Clay-colored Sparrows may be seen. One of the unique features of the Headwaters area is its limestone cliffs, which support several cliff-nesting species such as Prairie Falcons, White-throated Swifts, and Canyon Wrens. The park where Lewis and Clark camped, at the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers, is steeped in history. Besides the many nesting species here, numerous other birds use these river corridors during migration and as they travel between feeding sites. **Driving between several short walks; mostly level terrain. Returns Sunday early afternoon.**



SA3 / SU3 Mount Ellis: This slow-paced hike will explore a number of habitats on State and Forest Service lands, including grassland, aspen meadow, and conifer forest edge. At this time of year all of the nesting birds, such as Calliope Hummingbirds, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Dusky Flycatchers, Orange-crowned Warblers, and a wide variety of sparrows will have arrived on their nesting territories. Along with terrific views of the Gallatin Valley, the wildflowers on this walk will likely distract you from the diversity of birds. **Moderate walking on forest road and trail; three miles, with an elevation gain of 400 feet.**



SA4 / SU4 Paradise Valley Spring Creeks: Livingston-area spring creeks include Depuy's and Armstrong Spring Creeks, which are world famous for fly fishing, but also offer an ecosystem that supports a wide variety of wildlife. The magnificent Trumpeter Swans found on the creeks were originally brought here through a cooperative venture between the Depuy family and US Fish & Wildlife Service. Ducks, geese, and many species of songbirds can be found along the creeks. Tree, Bank, and Cliff Swallows are common, along with Yellow Warblers, various flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings, Western Meadowlarks, and sparrows. An occasional Sandhill Crane can be seen/heard in the fields. Several species of hawks, along with Ospreys and Bald and Golden Eagles, are residents. **Easy walking; one mile; fairly level. Returns mid-afternoon Sunday.**

SA5 / SU5 Pass Creek and Rocky Mountain Road Bluebird Trail Monitoring and Banding: Get up close and personal with Mountain Bluebirds! Participants will help record data and possibly hold a bluebird nestling or two at several of the nest boxes. This bluebird trail passes through the grasslands and breaks between the Horseshoe Hills and Bridger Mountains north of Bozeman. Other nesting species in the area include Golden Eagles, Bald Eagles, Green-tailed Towhees, Brewer's Sparrows, and Western Meadowlarks. **Light walking. Limited to 10 participants.**



SA6 / SU6 Spanish Creek: This trip follows Spanish Creek through the Flying D Ranch to the edge of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness. At the trailhead there is an interesting juxtaposition of habitats. In one direction the trail borders the willow riparian area along Spanish Creek, where Willow Flycatchers and Lincoln's Sparrows nest. While going in the other direction, the trail climbs through dry open slopes where you can expect to see Green-tailed Towhees, Brewer's Sparrows, and Lazuli Buntings. **On forest trail; some uneven terrain; 2-3 miles; elevation gain 300 feet. Returns early afternoon Sunday.**



Trail Creek



SA7 / SU7 Trail Creek: Following Meadow Creek and then Trail Creek, this route crosses the divide from Gallatin Valley to Paradise Valley. As you travel up the wetter west side, birds such as Willow Flycatchers, Gray Catbirds, and several warblers are featured. Beyond the divide the landscape becomes drier, with a new suite of birds, with Green-tailed Towhees and Brewer's Sparrows predominating. Peregrine Falcons, Belted Kingfishers, and Bullock's Orioles are possible at the last few stops in the cottonwood bottomlands and below the cliffs where the Yellowstone River flows out of Paradise Valley. **Light walking on gravel roads. Returns Sunday noon to early afternoon.**



Triple Tree Trail

SA8 / SU8 Triple Tree Trail: As this trail climbs the hillside it passes through a number of habitats and transitional edges between them. At the bottom of the mountain, grassland quickly gives way to brushy deciduous habitat as the trail crosses Limestone Creek, where Ruffed Grouse, Calliope Hummingbirds, and Lazuli Buntings are expected. The trail then ascends through Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine forests, where a wide variety of nesting birds, including Cassin's Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, and Western Tanager, can be seen. This trip features perhaps the greatest bird diversity of any short hike in the Gallatin Valley. **A good mountain trail, climbing 500 feet; 4 miles.**

KEY TO ICONS



Restrooms Available



Mostly Driving



Restroom at Trailhead



Family Friendly



SA9 Storm Castle Creek: Storm Castle Creek is a major tributary of the Gallatin River, flowing out of the Gallatin Range. Towering limestone cliffs are ideal platforms for nesting White-throated Swifts and Violet-green Swallows. This trip will follow the creek bottom where American Dippers, kinglets, Orange-crowned Warblers, and Lincoln's Sparrows are found among the willows. On the drier hillsides Douglas-fir, chokecherry, and other shrubs attract Hermit Thrushes, MacGillivray's Warblers and Western Tanagers. **Light walking on gravel roads; short walk on a mountain trail. 1 mile.**



Yellowstone River flowing through Paradise Valley



SA10 Deep Creek and Paradise Valley: We will visit the recently burned habitats of the south fork of Deep Creek via a Forest Service trail that begins in the foothills of the Paradise Valley. We begin with a moderate climb (half-mile) through open grassland and shrub-dotted hills, likely observing a variety of towhees, sparrows, warblers, and bluebirds. The trail then drops into a forested canyon as it crosses the south fork of Deep Creek and heads into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. This area was thoroughly burned during the 2012 Pine Creek Fire, so we will be looking for woodpeckers, sapsuckers, and other fire-dependent species and discussing post-fire ecology. From the trailhead we will follow a well-graded trail up several hundred feet, with some switchbacks, and then follow the cascading creek. There is a primitive double log crossing on the creek after about a mile of hiking. It will be an 'out and back' hike. **We will likely cover about 3+ miles round trip.**



SA11 Digital Bird Photography: This 3-4 hour workshop will include both a classroom session and outdoor field practice. The classroom session starts with a short slide-based lecture, followed by a question and answer period. Topics include camera hardware, exposure compensation, depth of field, etc. The outdoor session will take place at the Cherry River Ponds just north of the festival headquarters. Participants will be able to practice different field techniques on a variety of birds common to marsh and riparian habitats, such as ducks, pelicans, Marsh Wrens, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. The course will also include access to a digital photography resources website, with additional material not covered in the class. **Light walking.**



SA12 Family Birding Trip at Cherry River: Bring your budding birders out for a fun-filled field trip for the whole family! We'll learn to identify birds by sight and sound through games, role-playing, and scouting for the conspicuous birds that inhabit the Cherry River ponds and riparian areas. All ages welcome, although this trip is best suited for families with kids ages 5-12. Binoculars helpful, but not necessary. Departure time is 10:00 a.m. **Easy walking; little to no elevation gain; less than one mile.**



SA13 Headwaters State Park Area: The Headwaters area has a variety of habitats, including sage/grassland and riparian, where species from Common Mergansers to Clay-colored Sparrows may be seen. One of the unique features of the Headwaters area is its limestone cliffs, which support several cliff-nesting species such as Prairie Falcons, White-throated Swifts, and Canyon Wrens. The park where Lewis and Clark camped, at the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers, is steeped in history. Besides the many nesting species here, numerous other birds use these river corridors as they travel between feeding sites, and during migration. **This trip involves several short walks on mostly level terrain.**



SA14 Historic Bozeman Walking Tour: This walking tour will start in the heart of downtown Bozeman, examining some of the city's historic exteriors, including St. James Episcopal Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Willson and Emerson Schools, and the Baxter Hotel. The tour will then continue through residential neighborhoods in the Bon Ton Historic District to the Story Mansion. The leader of this tour, Derek Strahn, teaches history at Bozeman High School and is the former City of Bozeman Historic Preservation Director. In case of rain, other options include visits to the Pioneer Museum (10 AM – 5 PM), American Computer Museum (10 AM – 4 PM), and the Museum of the Rockies (8 AM – 8 PM). Departure time: 9 AM at the Pioneer Museum, 327 West Main Street (next to the old courthouse). Parking is available in the lot on Mendenhall Street behind the courthouse. **Level terrain, with gradual inclines on city sidewalks, 2-3 miles.**



SA15 Kelly Canyon: This trip passes through open fields, and then climbs past dry juniper-covered hillsides, mature wetlands, and mixed woodlands, eventually reaching up into the conifer forest. Mountain Bluebirds, Spotted Towhees, kingbirds, Calliope Hummingbirds, warblers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Western Tanagers are just a few of the species that we should see along this route. **Light walking along the roadside and just off the road.**



Livingston, Montana



SA16 Livingston Hotspots: Livingston, where the Yellowstone River leaves the mountains and turns east onto the plains, harbors great bird diversity this time of year. This field trip will focus on several hotspots in the Livingston area, mainly migrant traps along the river corridor. Breeding residents enroute to nearby nesting areas, as well as late migrants, are likely. Some of the migrants in the area this time of year typically include 6-7 species of warblers, a host of vireos, good numbers and a variety of flycatchers, as well as grosbeaks, tanagers, and orioles. Stray eastern migrants are always a possibility here. **Light walking at several locations.**



SA17 Lower Madison River Valley: This trip starts at the north end of Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness Area, where dry hillsides surround

the river. This is a good location to listen for Canyon Wrens, Rock Wrens, Spotted Towhees, and Lazuli Buntings. The trip continues downstream with stops at wetter areas that attract flycatchers, Marsh Wrens, Common Yellowthroats. Finally, the trip will visit the Madison Valley Buffalo Jump State Park, where Pinyon Jays and Clark's Nutcrackers are possible. Along this route a diversity of raptors is likely, such as Northern Harriers, Golden Eagles, and Prairie Falcons. **Light walking, some uneven terrain, 1-2 miles.**



SA18 Pine Creek/ Paradise Valley : This trip will explore riparian habitat along the Yellowstone River and up through the foothills of the Absaroka Range to the Pine Creek burn of 2012. Along the way we'll look for a number of raptors, including Peregrine Falcon, and in the same area White-throated Swifts. At the burn area we'll look for several species of woodpeckers, including Three-toed and Black-backed. **Easy walking, fairly level, up to two miles.**



SA19 Willow Creek: Tour the scenic open country south of Three Forks, between the Jefferson and Madison Rivers. Some of the breeding birds in the grasslands and benches include Ferruginous Hawks, Long-billed Curlews, Western Kingbirds, and Grasshopper Sparrows. Sage Thrashers, Brewer's Sparrows, and Lark Buntings might also be observed along the route, and in recent years Burrowing Owls have nested in this area. This trip will also pass several marshes and a large oxbow pond along the Jefferson River, where we'll be looking for Wood Ducks, Sora, and Marsh Wrens. **Light walking on gravel roads.**



SA20 Old Town Road and Milligan Canyon: This trip begins along the cottonwood bottomlands of the Jefferson River, and then abruptly moves into dry greasewood/sage-scrubland habitat. Birds along this section will range from Dusky Flycatchers, and Bullock's Orioles, to Sage Thrashers and Brewer's Sparrows. The route then cuts through the arid limestone cliffs of Milligan Canyon. Canyon Wrens, Rock Wrens, and Spotted Towhees frequent this dry landscape. Golden Eagles and Pinyon Jays are also possible along this portion of the trip. **Light walking on gravel roads.**



Bullock's Oriole

SU9 Storm Castle Peak: This hike begins along Storm Castle Creek, where many birds typical of foothill and montane zones mix. Expect to see or hear anything from Golden-crowned Kinglets to Lazuli Buntings around the trailhead. The trail steadily climbs 2,300 feet (in 2 1/2 miles), through Douglas-fir, open meadows, and spectacular limestone outcrops. At the top of the peak the reward is magnificent views of the Gallatin Canyon and surrounding mountains. From the top, be on the lookout for White-throated Swifts, Violet-green Swallows, and possibly a soaring Golden Eagle or Peregrine Falcon. **A switchbacking narrow, but well used trail. 2.5 miles one way, with an elevation gain of 2,300 ft. A vigorous hike, with many opportunities to stop, bird or enjoy the view.**



SU10 Cottonwood Reservoir and Shields Valley: Shields Valley boasts a wide variety of sagebrush, cultivated, riparian, and aquatic habitats. This field trip will be a thorough introduction to the



birding opportunities in the Valley. Sites we will bird include Cottonwood Reservoir, as well as the sagebrush-scrub nearby, Castle Rock Road Marsh, and a few migrant-rich spots along the Shields River. Ferruginous Hawk, Sage Thrasher, Marsh Wren, Virginia Rail, more than a dozen species of waterfowl, varying (although always impressive) numbers of shorebirds, and an array of both nesting and migrant passerines is expected. The chance for a stray-migrant shorebird or warbler is high! **Light walking on level ground, less than 2 miles.** Returns at 3:00 p.m.



SU11 Ennis Lake: In the heart of the Madison Valley, Ennis Lake hosts many species of waterfowl and water birds. A tour around its shores and bluffs will yield a marvelous variety of birds native to the area's open water, marshes and riparian areas. The diverse habitats, from dry juniper hillsides to wet marshes, also host a variety of raptors, including Northern Harriers and Golden Eagles. A visit to the south end of the Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness area should provide views of Hooded Mergansers, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Cordilleran Flycatchers. **Mostly viewing from the roadside, light walking. Ending mid-afternoon at Ennis Lake.**



SU12 Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park: This trip will feature several short walks that will allow searches for birds in a number of different habitats in the park. We will begin in the riparian-scrub along the Jefferson River, where a variety of swallows and Yellow-breasted Chats are likely. The trip then climbs in elevation while passing through Douglas-fir forest and displaced Great Basin scrub. As the trip progresses through these habitats we will target notable park birds such as Peregrine Falcon, Cassin's Vireo, Green-tailed Towhee, and Lark Sparrow. **2-3 miles of easy to moderate hiking. \$5 fee for non-Montana residents. Ending early to mid-afternoon, this trip ends at the entrance to Lewis and Clark Caverns, one of America's premier show caves. Tours of the cave run throughout the day, with the final tour starting at 4:30.**



Mission Creek



SU13 Mission Creek: In the rolling prairie just east of Livingston we will seek McCown's Longspurs and Long-billed Curlews. Along

Little Mission Creek we will watch for riparian species, then search for residents of the spruce-fir forest. On our return along Mission Creek we could find a Cordilleran Flycatcher or Golden Eagle. Over 130 species have been seen along this route, including Sprague's Pipit, Upland Sandpiper and Green-tailed Towhee. Spectacular views, abundant wildflowers and wildlife make the trip through the northern foothills of the Absaroka Mountains a trip to remember.

Light walking along the road. Returns mid-afternoon.



Sandhill Crane pair



SU14 Sweet Grass County Prairie Tour:

This tour will follow an approximately 40-mile long driving route through prairie and agricultural landscapes north of Big Timber. Past trips here have yielded Long-billed Curlews, Sandhill Cranes, raptors, and prairie songbirds, including Bobolinks, McCown's Longspurs, and Sprague's Pipits. Stops at a few prairie wetlands will provide waterbird viewing opportunities. The 4-5 hour driving tour should wrap up mid-day; those wanting more can bird-walk through Dornix Park along the Boulder River in Big Timber. (Big Timber is 63 miles east of Bozeman on Interstate 90.) **No hiking is involved, just about 4-6 stops with spotting scope viewing, otherwise driving and viewing. Dornix Park has hiking trails for those interested in the afternoon. Trip ends in Big Timber around 12-1 p.m. and participants can head home from there.** (NOTE: Restroom Facilities—Big Timber only.)



Western Tanager



SU15 Kelly Canyon and Battle Ridge :

This trip passes through open fields, and then climbs past dry juniper-covered hillsides, mature wetlands, mixed woodlands, and eventually reaches up into the conifer forest. Mountain Bluebirds, Spotted Towhees, Calliope Hummingbirds, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Western Tanagers are just a few of the species that we should see along this route. After Kelly Canyon, this trip will continue up Bridger Canyon to Battle Ridge. At this higher elevation a new suite of breeding birds can be found, including Williamson's Sapsuckers, Brown Creepers, Swainson's Thrushes. **Light walking along the road, or just of the road. Returns early afternoon.** (NOTE: Restroom Facilities—Battle Ridge only.)



SU16 Warm Springs Wildlife Management Area:

Warm Springs is a unique WMA in that it is a partnership

between MT FWP and ARCO/BP. Originally a water pollution control system for the Clark Fork River, this area encompasses 21 ponds, 6,500 acres, and is an important spring and fall staging area for waterfowl and shorebirds. Of the 209 species that have been recorded for the area, approximately 100 species breed here. We will also look at the river reclamation work that will be ongoing for several more years. Near the town of Warm Springs, two hours west of Bozeman on I-90. **Light walking on dirt roads. Returns early to mid-afternoon.**



SU17 Yellowstone's Northern Range:

The Northern Range, often called "America's Serengeti," is home, either seasonally or year-round, to a wide variety of birds. We will explore the area's diversity, beginning in the dry Gardiner Basin, where Horned Larks and Mountain Bluebirds are common along the Old Yellowstone Road. Enroute we will stop at higher elevation woodland, willow, and wetland habitats, searching for various ducks, grebes, woodpeckers, flycatchers, and sparrows. Breeding pairs of Harlequin Ducks are possible in the fast-moving waters of the Gardiner and Yellowstone rivers. Raptors, such as Osprey, Red-tailed Hawks, and American Kestrels are likely along this route. The trip will end at the lower Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where Peregrine Falcons have nested in recent years.

Driving between easy walks, 1-2 miles, fairly level. Returns mid-to-late afternoon. Park entrance fee of \$25 per car.



Blacktail Ponds in Yellowstone Park



SU18 Pine Creek-Paradise Valley:

This trip will traverse the same area as Saturday's trip (SA18); in addition we'll head south along the Absaroka front to McDonald Creek, where we'll explore into the mountains and look for the usual mountain species, including Red Crossbill, Pine Grosbeak, and Hammond's and Dusky flycatchers. Goshawks nest in the area. Along the way we'll hope to find Cassin's Vireo. If time allows we'll proceed to Dailey Lake to look for nesting waterfowl. **Easy walking, with some elevation gain, 3-4 miles. Returns mid-afternoon.**



SU19 Willow Creek:

Tour the scenic open country south of Three Forks, between the Jefferson and Madison Rivers. Some of the breeding birds in the grasslands and benches include Ferruginous Hawks, Long-billed Curlews, Western Kingbirds, and Grasshopper Sparrows. Sage Thrashers, Brewer's Sparrows, and Lark Buntings might also be observed along this route, and in recent years Burrowing Owls have nested in this area. This trip will also pass several marshes and a large oxbow pond along the Jefferson River, where we'll be looking for Wood Ducks, Sora, and Marsh Wrens. For those who wish, we will continue west along the Jefferson River, making a few stops to search for White-throated Swifts, Canyon Wrens, and Yellow-breasted Chats. **Light walking on gravel roads. Returns early afternoon.**

Our Raffles for the Birds!

Our **Bucket Raffle** gives you options to win:



#1 Abbott Valley Homestead near Glacier National Park

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#2 Sunshine Bird Quilt by fiber artist Linda Parker



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Binoculars, Bird ID Books, and much more

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Birding destinations will include High Island, as well as Anahuac NWR and Katy Prairie. This birding extravaganza also includes three nights of luxury accommodations near downtown Houston, as well as all meals, transportation and local birding guides for two full days. Round-trip airfare from Montana to Houston is included! **This package is valued at more than \$4,000!!**

WHEN: April 14-17, 2015.

DONORS: John Whitmire and Susie Maclin

Points of Interest in Bozeman

- **Museum of the Rockies**, 600 W. Kagy Blvd., museum@montana.edu, 406-994-2251
- **American Computer Museum**, 2023 Stadium Drive, www.compustory.com, 406-582-1288
- **Gallatin Historical Society and Pioneer Museum**, 317 West Main, 406-522-8122, www.pioneermuseum.org,

If You're a Camper:

- **Sunrise Campground**, 31843 Frontage Road, 406-587-4797
- **Bozeman KOA**, 81123 Gallatin Road, US #191, 406-587-3030
- **Bear Canyon Campground**, 4000 Bozeman Trail Road, 406-587-1575



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2014 WINGS ACROSS THE BIG SKY FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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FIELD TRIP SIGN-UP

Choose your top three field trips for each day and include the number of persons on each trip. **Trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register early.**

Saturday		Sunday	
# of persons	Trip #	# of persons	Trip #
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____

Full Festival includes Friday evening hors d'oeuvres, Saturday & Sunday breakfasts & sack lunches, and Saturday banquet **(please indicate number for each choice).**

Saturday Night Banquet *(included in all except opt-out)*

____ *Tuscan Chicken* ____ *Southwest Portabello*

Saturday Sack Lunch

____ Turkey ____ Ham ____ Veggie

Sunday Sack Lunch

____ Turkey ____ Ham ____ Veggie

_____ Full Festival Early Bird Rate @ \$130/person (After 5/30 @ \$145)

_____ Banquet Opt-Out Rate @ \$115/person (After 5/30 @ \$130)

_____ Young Adults 18 & under \$30 for meals

_____ Bucket Raffle \$10 each or 6/\$50

_____ Special Raffle \$50 each

_____ Solar Panels Fund Donation (\$10 minimum)

_____ Additional Donation

_____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

REFUND POLICY: Full refund through April 30, 2014. 50% refund through May 30. **No refunds after May 30.**

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Festival Headquarters & Lodging

The BEST WESTERN PLUS GranTree Inn, Bozeman's premiere business and travel hotel, proudly supports our local Audubon Society, and offers some of the finest convention accommodations and services the Big Sky has to offer. Our newly renovated convention space affords a comfortable place for taking in the event. The GranTree is located right off the interstate so provides easy access to all the birding field trips.

Rooms are available for \$99 per night. To receive this rate, please phone 406-587-5261 and mention Montana Audubon. More lodging information is available online at mtaudubon.org.

Festival Footprints and You!

We know our travel to, from, and during the festival is not without an impact, so we've been looking for just the right way to "offset" that impact. We've settled on a solution close to home: can you help us feed the dream of **solar panels at**

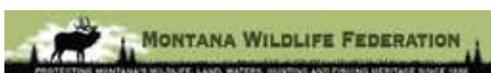
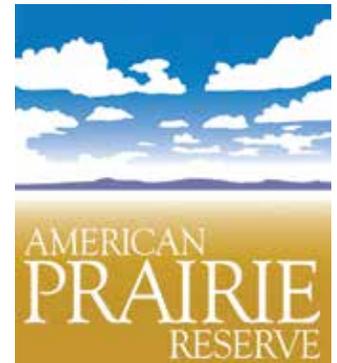
our sunny Education Center in Billings? These panels will not only fuel the lights and heat at the Center, but also serve as a teaching tool for local residents—and the numerous school children visiting the grounds. Donate to our seed fund—any amount is welcome—and we promise to turn those dollars into clean energy. We can't promise *when*, but we know we'll get there, one footprint at a time. *Thanks for your help!*

Meet the Festival Artist

Andrew Guttenberg, a native Bozemanite and current Montana State University student, began drawing birds at the ripe old age of 17 months. This obsession has only grown since then, and he still spends most days chasing migrants and dreaming of hummingbirds.



Thanks to our Generous Sponsors!



We'll see you soon in the Gallatin Valley!



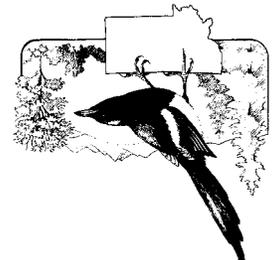
2014 Wings Across the Big Sky Festival-at-a-Glance

	FRIDAY, JUNE 6	SATURDAY, JUNE 7	SUNDAY, JUNE 8
Morning	Travel to Bozeman	5:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast (Seating w/ Field Trip group)	5:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast (Seating w/ Field Trip group)
Afternoon	1:30 p.m. Registration	Light Lunch Keynote Speaker Presentations	Explore Bozeman
Evening	4:30 p.m. Welcome Evening Program sponsored by Sacajawea Audubon (light snacks served) Dinner on your own after Program	Banquet Awards Dessert Auction Silent Auction closes	Travel Home

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