



The Golden Eagle

Newsletter of the Golden Eagle Audubon Society

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Southwest Idaho Bluebird Trails Report for 2014

By Al Larson and Pam Conley

It was another big bluebird year in southwest Idaho.

Al Larson made fourteen trips to the Hilda Larson Bluebird Trail at Prairie this year. The first trip was on April 16 and was primarily to explore where and when nest boxes could be replaced that were destroyed in the fire that swept through the area last fall. Of the 144 boxes, 39 were completely destroyed, and eight on fence posts needed to be moved as fence repair had not yet begun.

By the first week of May, all of the affected boxes were replaced or moved. Loggers had harvested some of the dead trees and left some so a number of the boxes were set up on the same trees as before. On a couple of occasions a pair of bluebirds watched as we mounted their nest box. Because of the delayed availability of some boxes, tree swallows and house wrens were on hand to move in. But in the burned forested areas the bluebirds came on strong. Year 2014 produced more bluebirds than 2013 because there were fewer house wrens in the burned area.

Here is a breakdown of the use for these 48 boxes:

	2014		2013	
	Boxes	birds fledged	Boxes	birds fledged
Mountain bluebirds	29	110	24	90
Western bluebirds	1	6	1	5
House Wrens	2		11	
Tree Swallows	10		7	
Boxes empty	6		5	

Larson also made 14 trips to the Owyhee Trail with its 131 boxes, 13 trips to the SIBA (Trout Creek-Jordan Valley) Trail with 33 boxes, seven trips to the Sagehen Trail with 16 boxes, and a couple of trips to what remains of the Cascade Trail. He banded 1014 bluebirds this year. Of this total, 36 were adult female bluebirds caught on the nest. And 21 nestlings died in the nest for reasons unknown, leaving 957 **(Continued Page 7)**



Al Larson installs a new bluebird box in Prairie after the fire last fall.

President's Message

By Michele Crist

Greetings Birders!

I hope you all have time to join in on our upcoming trips to enjoy the fall migration.

GEAS has some great trips planned over the next couple of months. One all-day trip in November heads out to C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area and other great birding spots.

I also wanted to give a few highlights on what GEAS's committees have been working on. The conservation committee is working on the proposed Gateway West Mitigation and Enhancement project supporting habitat restoration in the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. The education committee is planning to offer a basic birding class through the Osher Institute at Boise State University. Also, the banquet committee is busy again preparing for our spring banquet.

It's hard to believe that Christmas Bird Counts are just around the corner, and we hope that you find the time this holiday season to participate in this annual tradition. This year marks the 115th count and Boise's 48th. All counts are conducted each year between the dates of December 14 to January 5. We have our six counts scheduled, please look at our online calendar to see which one works best for you and we hope to see you there. For the Boise CBC, we are hosting a dinner afterwards at the MK Nature Center for all participants. GEAS will provide vegetarian chili and chicken. Please bring a side dish or desert and drinks to share. Gary and Lew will provide beer and wine to warm up with after the count.

If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC monitoring circle, then you can report the birds that visit your feeder and yard on that particular count day. Just make prior arrangements with the count compilers for those monitoring circles.

Best Regards,
Michele Crist, President

**Please check out the new, redesigned GEAS website at:
www.goldeneagleaudubon.org. See article on Page 6.**

GEAS CALENDAR November-December 2014

Field Trip: CJ Strike East	November 1
Family Birding Walk	November 9
GEAS Monthly meeting	December 9
Family Birding Walk	December 14
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Christmas Bird Count, Garden Valley	December 17
Christmas Bird Count, Nampa	December 20
Christmas Bird Count, Boise	December 27
Christmas Bird Count, Bruneau	January 3
Christmas Bird Count, Cascade	January 4

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OUT THE KITCHEN WINDOW

By Hilda Larson

As you may remember, last month I ended the column by saying, "Where, oh where are you, Whitey?" meaning the white headed woodpecker.

He took me seriously, and on October 25 came to the hulled sunflower feeders. For seven days running, we could almost set our clocks by the times he flew in. Then just as suddenly as he came, we did not see him again until November 5. So, how long will he stay this time? We will keep our eyes on the feeder whenever we can, so stand by.

Quite a number of evening grosbeaks come intermittently to the yard. One day a female flew into the kitchen window, knocking herself out. Al picked her up and put her in the paper sack we have labeled, "For the birds," and set it on the kitchen counter. After a while she began to move around quite vigorously. In so doing, the sack and bird were tipped onto the floor. Out she flew, and we had a terrified grosbeak loose in the house. She ended up in the living room, flying from one thing to another as we tried to show her the way out. She used everything that was hanging

or standing as a perch, including a picture of my grandfather. This was a chance for a photo, so we brought the camera into play. It's quite a novel picture. She was finally caught, released, and the last we saw of her was when she disappeared into the leaves of the plum tree. We have had some plastic stick-ons of hummingbirds on the windows, but they did not seem to do what we had hoped for. After the grosbeak incident, Al hung red and white striped tape strips from each window. They wave quite nicely, and so far there have been no more incidents, so we hope the problem has been solved.

In spite of the cold temperature (26 degrees) there are still a few flowers blooming around the yard: petunias on the porch steps, pansies and violas around the rose bush, California poppies on the south side of the house, and even a brave primrose or two nestled in a protected area. Some trees are barren of leaves, and others have green leaves still hanging on. It has been an odd fall in regards to the turning of colors. The rain has been great. We can see a dusting of snow on

the higher peaks, so we know that sooner or later the white stuff will get to our little corner

of the world. We are ready, as the wood shed is overflowing, the "old" shop shed has sides, windows, and a roof, and the yard work is mostly finished. Al has pulled on the reins and hollered WHOA.

A winter wren has made an appearance, the old raven sings to himself as he sails over, and a magpie occasionally flies around in the timber. Juncos are back, and a lone pine siskin comes to the feeders. The Steller's jays are making themselves unwelcome at the feeders by spilling the seeds. At one time Al counted eleven chipmunks on the ground under the feeders, their cheeks stuffed with seeds. There must be seed caches all over the place. In fact, there are sunflowers coming up in the planters on the steps, and I did not put them there.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

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Volunteer News

Thank you goes to the following folks for helping with the Newsletter production and mailing:

Suzanne Woodcock, Gerrie Satz, Jerry and Hope Denney, Lew Ulrey, Sue Norton, Jessica Fusek, Niels Nokkentved and Harold Ward.

Tricia Howerton - thanks for taking the initiative and teaching a basic birdwatching course through Boise Community Education.

Thank you Liz Urban and Eileen Loerch for attending the Council Field Expo Day Event.

Let's also thank Megan Jones for bringing some of the New Roots kids to the 1st refugee day fishing event.

Thank you Cheryl Huizinga and Pat Weber for the presentation on birding in Cuba at our August Program meeting and Cathie Havlina for her presentation on raptor rescue efforts in the Treasure Valley at our September Program meeting.

We thank the following folks for leading field trips. RL Rowland, Pam Conley and Dave Hazelton led trips to IBO. Kathy Barker-McCoy led trips for the

ever popular Wednesday Morning Club. RL Rowland and Pam Conley led the Boise River Bird Walk and Litter Patrol trips. Liz Urban, Sue Norton, Danette Henderson, Lew Ulrey, Terry Rich and Pam Conley have led the Family Bird Walks in September and October. Bill Belknap led a great September trip to Prairie and invited us to eat lunch at his cabin in Prairie.

If you would like to lead a trip or have an idea for a trip, contact Pam Conley,

208-869-0337, pam_conley@q.com

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Bird Counts. Check out the details in the field trip-events list.

Volunteer needs will start to heat up now that the summer is over. GEAS hopes you can give us some of your valuable time and effort to promote our organizations, projects and trips.

Gerrie Satz Volunteer Coordinator
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Gadwall

Photo by Bob Ellis

GEAS EVENTS for November and December

Field trip information is subject to change. Please check the website <http://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org> and go to the Calendar and Field Trips section for the latest information or contact Pam Conley at 869-0337 or pam_conley@q.com.

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.

WMC (Wednesday Morning Club) – November & December
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Janjou Patisserie 1754 W. State St., Boise.

Contact: Kathy Barker McCoy, h- 384-1205 c- 921-1340

Wednesday Morning Club continues through the winter so please join us. Tentative schedule: Nov. 5 - Hulls Gulch; Nov. 12 - Avimor; Nov. 19 - Discovery Park; Nov. 26 - group choice; Dec. 3 - Hulls Gulch; Dec. 10 - Ada County Landfill; Dec. 17 - Kathryn Albertson Park. I reserve the right to change the destination if weather or special sightings so indicate.

Saturday, November 1

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

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at BLM office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise (near the airport).

Trip Leader: Jay Carlisle

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@q.com.

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 Bruneau Dunes. This will be an all day trip. Bring lunch, water, snacks, and wind protection. Be prepared for any kind of weather.

Sunday, November 9

Family Birding Walk- Kathryn Albertson Park - Especially for children or the child in you.

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Kathryn Albertson Park parking lot, 1001 N. Americana Blvd., Boise.

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@q.com.

We will walk the paved loop around the park looking for geese, ducks, and herons on the water, as well as songbirds in the brush. Bring the whole family, especially the young ones. We go over the basics of using binoculars. We have binoculars and field guides you can borrow. Sign up the kids in our Frequent Flyer Club where they earn rewards for birding. We will finish at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

GEAS Monthly meeting - GEAS President Michele Crist

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Idaho Fish & Game, Trophy Room, 600 S Walnut., Boise.

Michele Crist, GEAS president, and Central-North Flyway director on the National Audubon Society board will give a talk on the Audubon Society's Birds and Climate Change Report.

Sunday, December 14

Family Birding Walk & Kids Christmas Bird Count- Especially for children or the child in you.

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, 5301 N. Maple Grove

Rd., Boise, lower parking lot.

Contact: Pam Conley 869-0337 pam_conley@Q.com.

This trip will be our third Children's Christmas Bird Count. We will see what species we can find and keep count of the numbers we see. Bring the whole family, especially the young ones. We go over using binocs. We have binoculars and field guides you can borrow. Sign up the kids in our Frequent Flyer Club where they earn rewards for birding. We will finish at 3 p.m.

Christmas Bird Count dates and information

There is no cost for the bird counts. Info will be available on the web rather than sending out a report afterwards.

Sunday, December 14, McCall CBC

Compiler: Charles Swift, chaetura@gmail.com

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Please contact compiler if interested in participating. Meeting time and location will be emailed closer to the date. This will be the first official McCall count after last year's successful trial run. The count circle includes McCall, Payette Lake, Ponderosa State Park, N. Fork Payette River and portions of the Long Valley south to the town of Gold Fork. 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 CBC's in the state.

Wednesday, December 17, Garden Valley CBC

Leader: Gary Worthington, worthingtonjanet@yahoo.com, 853-2599

Location: Meet at Gary's home, 8109 W. Powell, Boise at 6:15 a.m. to carpool/caravan; or meet at Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, downtown Crouch at 7:30 a.m.

Time: see above.

Saturday, December 20, Nampa CBC

Leaders: Denise Hughes, dhughes55@clearwire.net, 850-5885 or Cheryl Huizinga, bchuizinga@cableone.net, 880-5687

Location: Deer Flat NWR Visitor Center

Time: 7:15 a.m.

We will split into area groups and start the count at 8 am. We will meet back at the Visitor Center at 5 pm 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 27, Boise CBC

Leader: R.L. Rowland, rlrowland@centurylink.net, 336-9808 (H) or 297-9953 (C)

Location: Trophy Room at Idaho Fish & Game, 600 S. Walnut, Boise, northeast entrance

Time: 7 a.m.

This will be National Audubon's 115th Count Year and Boise's 48th. RL will provide doughnuts, bring your own breakfast beverage. Dinner at MK Nature Center afterward to collect count data. Vegetarian chili and chicken will be provided along with utensils. Bring a salad or dessert to share plus drinks. Lew and Gary will provide beer and wine. A \$5 donation for food would be appreciated. If not able to stay for supper please stop by to drop off your count sheets. For those who are unable to participate in the field, but will be home on

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Field Trip Report: Prairie September 6

By Pam Conley

Bill Belknap led this trip of 13 birders in four cars on a beautiful sunny day. It got into the low 80s but was cool in the shade. We spent a bit of time exploring the various riparian areas along the route to Prairie by way of Blacks Creek Road and the South Fork of the Boise River. Some highlights were a juvenile sage thrasher on an elderberry bush, some green-winged teal ducks in the Belknap pond and Lewis' woodpeckers.

We drove by the two big washouts that happened on the road above the South Fork Boise River after some of those big rain storms we had in August. They left some pretty spectacular cuts in the some of the side creeks that run down to the river. A new boulder choke point was created in the Boise River just below the bridge where the rafters get out.

When we got up to the Prairie, we ate our lunch at the Belknap cabin sitting on the deck looking out over the pond. Quite nice. Some of us ventured around the pond where we stirred up the green-winged teal.

Other species seen included Canada geese, mallards, grouse, california quail, turkey vulture, Cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, mourning dove, belted kingfisher, northern flicker, western wood-pewee, Cassin's vireo, black-billed magpie, common raven, black-capped chickadee, red-breasted nuthatch, rock wren, American robin, orange-crowned warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, western tanager, spotted towhee, white-crowned sparrow, red-winged blackbird, western meadowlark, pine siskin, and American goldfinch for 32 species in all.



GEAS field trip participants gather at Bill Belknap's cabin in Prairie.

Photo by Dan Kolsky

Count Day, there is a Bird Feeder Count component to the CBC, contact RL for more information.

Saturday, January 3, Bruneau CBC

Leader: Larry Ridenhour, Cell 208-863-5596 or ridenhour.larry@gmail.com.

Time: 7 a.m., for all day trip

Location: Meet at Boise BLM Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise.

This is expedition quality birding around CJ Strike Reservoir and the Snake River from below the dam to Bruneau Dunes State Park. Be prepared for bitter cold and relentless wind. We will finish up 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 Cafe in Grand View to compile numbers and exchange stories. Dinner will be \$11.50 – spaghetti (vegetarian sauce will be available) with soup or salad, and French bread, dessert – \$4,

either a cheesecake or caramel apple crisp; wine and beer extra, depending on type and kind. Gratuity not included and always welcome. They put on a great dinner for us. Please RSVP to Pam Conley, 869-0337 or pam_conley@q.com for a head count for dinner at the restaurant (helps them plan).

Sunday, January 4, Cascade CBC

Leader - Ingrid Brudenell, (cell) 208-336- 4136, ibrudenell@gmail.com.

Location: Meet at the Ashley Inn, Highway 55, Cascade.

Time: 8 a.m.

This count will focus on the area around Cascade Reservoir, north fork of the Payette River and surrounding countryside. 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 at ibrudenell@gmail.com) for a head count for lunch.

Snake River Raptor Volunteers Needs Help

Snake River Raptor Volunteers Inc. needs help.

SRRV is the “Friends” group for the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and was established in 1997 to care for and be an advocate of the conservation area. SRRV is not affiliated with the Peregrine Fund’s World Center for Birds of Prey located on S. Cole.

SRRV has been doing projects in the Birds of Prey area for nearly 20 years. These include maintaining hawk nesting platforms, cleaning nesting boxes for wood ducks and owls, and for many years we staffed and maintained the Birds of Prey Visitor Center in Kuna.



Youngsters love SRRV projects

Photo by Pam Conley

Regrettably our ability to continue this work has almost come to a halt. This is because we have had no success in recruiting volunteers to work on projects. Even more critical is the need to bring in new members who are willing to serve on the board of directors and to be officers. Our active members have dwindled to a dozen or so. The willing few are suffering from fatigue from keeping the organization intact and projects going.

SRRV now faces the probability of dissolution unless we get new members, new officers, as well as volunteer project workers. We are pleading for people resources, both to manage the nonprofit corporation and to do the important conservation projects that support the NCA.

For information about SRRV go to our website at <http://srrvraptors.org>. Anyone who loves the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and all the great raptors and other birds that call it home may consider volunteering their time. SRRV is the only organization that specifically focuses on the Birds of Prey NCA. It would be a shame to let this Friends group disappear. The birds could really use your help.

Anyone interested may contact Leslee Doner at AnkaraRysaling@gmail.com.

GEAS Joins Council Forestry Expo Field Day

By Liz Urban

For the past few years the Payette Children’s Forest, a coalition of partners including the Payette National Forest, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and more, have hosted a field day experience for the third- and fourth-graders from Council and Cambridge.

The day of learning and fun takes place in early October in the beautiful forest about 20 miles from town. This year they asked GEAS if we would come and participate and lead a station on birds. I was happy to oblige and took our two-dozen binoculars and spotting scope up to join in the festivities. It was a wonderful day in which the students rotated through stations with themes including wildlife identification, forestry, range management, aquatic habitat, riparian & upland vegetation, and birds in the woods.

About 50 children looked at birds, some for the first time, and we got great looks at red crossbills in the scope and heard another seven or so species around the campground.

It was wonderful to see so many scientists, land managers, teachers, and parents come together to offer this great field day for these youths.

A special thanks goes to the Council high-schoolers who helped at the station and to Eileen Loerch of Boise for sharing her knowledge and passion of birds at our station.

GEAS Launches Its New Website

It has been some time coming, but we are proud to share our new website with you.

Board members Liz Urban, Steve Hanser and Leah Dunn have worked to create this new page and revamp our membership database behind the scenes. This new site will allow for more dynamic content and will become a resource for both new and existing birders in our community.

We have taken some time to make sure we communicate what it is GEAS is all about, so we hope the “who we are” and “what we do” sections will be informative. Another key feature we now have is the ability to send our local members a reminder when the time comes to renew—an area we have struggled with before.

We hope you enjoy exploring this site, and feel free to send some feedback if there are features you would like to see added or if you notice any problems. Many thanks to the years of work Harold Ward and Rod Smith have put into maintaining and creating content for the site. We hope they will continue to offer their expertise as we continue to develop this new site.

The web address is the same, so please visit www.goldeneagleaudubon.org to check it out.

If you are receiving a paper copy of The Golden Eagle and you would like to help save GEAS some printing and postage expense, please sign up to receive our “new newsletter” email message sending an email so stating to: membership@goldeneagleaudubon.org.

Fall Brings Interesting Avian Immigrants, Some Transplants, Others Native

By Crista Worthy

As each season shifts toward the next, the bird species we see shift as well.

The first juncos arrived in my yard yesterday on the tail of a cold front; the goldfinches are long gone. But I have to admit my favorite freeloaders are the birds that actually don't belong here.

Surrounded as we are by hills of sage, California quail, imported from the southwest as game birds, are a permanent fixture in the yard. Now that summer's over, the pairs and families have coalesced into a covey of about 60 birds. Instead of wandering in and out of the yard all day, they arrive promptly in early morning and late evening, a seething mass of round bodies pawing at the seed I've thrown at the property's edge. The territorial battles have ceased; now it's all about getting enough to eat and keeping an eye out for hawks. Eventually one, then another, and suddenly 10 or 20 will scoot across the lawn to gather under the feeders to pick up what the finches have spilled.

All summer, one ring-necked pheasant rooster presided over the hill behind my property. But each fall, the pheasants too cease defending territories. I've seen as many as nine of them gobbling seed in mid-morning. Watch one walk, especially away from you, and you realize its structure is just like a miniature tyrannosaur. Yes, dinosaurs are still among us. The pheasants, native to Eurasia, were brought to Idaho as game birds. I know they don't belong here, but I still enjoy watching them.



Mourning doves hang around the seed pile off and on all day, but last year I noticed a pair that seemed lighter and larger. I picked up the binoculars and saw a black ring around the backs of their necks – ringed turtle doves, I thought, that's a first. As always, I picked up my trusty Peterson Field Guide which proclaimed them as only sighted rarely in Los Angeles parks. I contemplated calling up the local Audubon chapter, as birders are always interested in seeing strays, but didn't get around to it, and then they were gone. This fall they came back, with two more. Coincidentally, the next day a friend in Oregon emailed me photos of a tame ringed turtle dove she'd found in her yard. When I told her about mine, she said, "Yours are probably Eurasian collared-doves." I looked in my book again—no mention of them. So I went to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website. Sure enough, there they were; apparently a few were introduced to the Bahamas in the 1970s, and they have colonized the continent from east to west. I confirmed that "my" birds were indeed Eurasian collared-doves by listening to the audio of both

those and the ringed turtle doves; they're quite different. Chalk one up for the internet. They don't quarrel with the mourning doves, but Idaho Fish and Game says they can be shot with no limits or season by holders of a valid hunting license, and not in violation of local ordinances. The subject came up last week when I visited a friend in Hailey who told me the mourning doves there depart in winter (they don't at my house) but the Eurasian collared-doves stay put. Quail is his favorite meal, and he offered to come over and dispatch the collared-doves, at a price of one quail per two doves.

"But no pheasants," I said, and then, "Actually, it's illegal to discharge a firearm where I live; we'll have to leave them be." So the freeloaded immigrant doves are here for now. I've noticed they're actively courting, even in late October – they can have as many as six broods per year. Now I'm in a quandary: I'm feeding these interlopers. Or will they perhaps be the replacement for the passenger pigeon?

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bluebird nestlings to fledge from 225 nests.

Sixteen female bluebirds were recaptured this year, two of which were at least four years old.



A pair of mountain bluebirds show up moments after a new box was set up for them.

Volunteer drivers furnished transportation, helped put up the new boxes, and helped monitor and band birds on all of the bluebird trails. We couldn't have done it without their help and their services are deeply appreciated. Thank you to Jimmy Yorgensen, Cathy Eells, Cheryl Huizinga, De Etta Ewing, Patricia Chapman, Matt Podolsky, Neil Paprocki, Kristine Crawford, Letty Percifield, Jim Holcomb, Jim Smith, Dave Hazelton, Nancy McCullough, Roxanne Jenson, Peggy Williams, Liz Urban, Julie Steele, Boyd Steele, Barbra Kennedy, Kristin Gnojewski, Kris Albin-Stone, Joni Clapsadle and Pam Conley.

And a special thanks to Al Larson, the Bluebird Man, who went on every trip.

Here is a breakdown of nestling bluebirds fledged from five bluebird trails in southwest Idaho: Owyhee bluebird trail (Triangle road) had 482 Mountain bluebirds; Hilda Larson Bluebird Trail (Prairie) had 214 Mountain bluebirds and 94 Western bluebirds; SIBA Bluebird Trail (Jordan Valley-Trout Creek) had 132 Mountain bluebirds; Sagehen Bluebird Trail had 17 Western bluebirds; Cascade Bluebird Trail had 18 Mountain bluebirds for a total of 957 bluebirds fledged for 2014.

Susan Haig, 2015 GEAS Banquet Speaker, To Discuss California Condor

Susan Haig will talk about California condors at the GEAS annual banquet in March, 2015.

She is a supervisory wildlife ecologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center in Corvallis, Ore.

She is also a professor of wildlife ecology at Oregon State University, a research associate of the Smithsonian Institution, and president of the American Ornithologists' Union. She has spent more than 30 years working on species facing the brink of extinction.



Susan Haig

Haig earned a doctorate in biology at the University of North Dakota in 1987. Her research addresses the genetic and demographic factors needed to plan appropriate recovery actions for small populations.

Haig's long-term efforts include work on piping plovers, spotted owls, red-cockaded woodpeckers, and California condors.

With Jesse D'Elia, a supervisory fish and wildlife biologist from Portland, Ore., Haig has authored "California Condors in

the Pacific Northwest." In the book, Haig and D'Elia investigate the paleontological and observational records as well as the cultural relationships between American Indian tribes and condors, providing the most complete assessment to date of the condor's occurrence in the Pacific Northwest. They evaluate the probable causes of regional extinction and the likelihood that condors once bred in the region, and they assess factors that must be considered in determining whether they could once again thrive in Northwest skies.

Despite frequent depiction as a bird of California and the desert southwest, North America's largest avian scavenger once graced the skies of the Pacific Northwest, from northern California to British Columbia. This important volume documents the condor's history in the region, from prehistoric times to the early twentieth century, and explores the challenges of reintroduction.

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>.

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