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Snake River Audubon meets on third Thursdays September through April, except December. Newsletters are published monthly except for July, August and December.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Birding in Morocco
Linda Milam
Thursday, September 21
7:15 PM
Idaho Falls Public Library

In April 2023, Linda Milam traveled to Marrakech, Morocco to join a small Naturalists Journeys group and spent the next couple of weeks traveling into the Atlas Mountains, east to the Sahara Desert, and west to the Atlantic coast. Morocco occupies a critical location on the northwest shoulder of the African continent, on the Strait of Gibraltar, and in 1777 was one of the first nations to recognize the independence of the United States.

Nearly 170 species of birds were seen during the trip, including 70 for her life list. The program will include photos of many of the birds as well as the amazing rugged countryside. Many of the desert birds included a variety of larks and wheatears, as well as European birds that were migrating north after their African winter.

Market Lake Fall Clean-up
Tuesday, September 26

We'll meet at the East Springs Marsh parking lot north of headquarters at 9:00 AM for our semi-annual roadside clean-up at Market Lake. We're doing it on a week day to avoid possible crowds on a weekend day. Bring trash bags and work gloves. We'll do some birding afterwards looking for fall migrants.



White-crowned Sparrow

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Also on Zoom

Birds, Bugles & Brunch
Camas NWR
Saturday, September 23
8:00 AM to Noon
See page 3 for details

**Greater Yellowstone
Crane Festival**
September 20-23

**Market Lake
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East Springs Marsh
Parking Lot

**Idaho Falls
Christmas Bird Count**
Saturday, December 16

**Greater Yellowstone
Crane Festival**
September 20-23

- Crane Tours
- Workshops
- Crane Fair
- Storytelling
- Speaker & Film
- Paint & Sip

To learn more and to register for activities, please visit

tetonlandtrust.org



Atlas Wheatear
Photo by Linda Milam

Membership

Welcome to new members: Edward Bugbee of Howe; David V Archer, Melinda Schulz, Bud Olson, Joyce Flamm, Sharon King, Patricia Verhoff, Mary Ann Cherry, Bradley J Salmonson, Donna Struhs, Betty J Hamberlin, Kent R Curtis, and Larry F Lafave of Idaho Falls; Stephonie Casanova of Shelley; Charles Berger of Ammon; Steven Summers and P. Elliott of Driggs; Peggy Taylor and James W Roddick of Rexburg; Emily Nichols of Teton; Andrea McKeen and John Collins of Victor; and Carolyn Skinner of Lewisville

Thank you for joining and please plan to join us on our meetings and on field trips. Also thank you to our renewing members!

Please let Kit Struthers (kit619@centurylink.net or 529-2028) know of any address changes or if you will be temporarily away so that your newsletters aren't returned to us. We have to pay first class postage for each returned newsletter. Those who are receiving our newsletter via electronic mail, **please send Kit any change of e-mail address.**

Fund Raising

For those who shop at Fred Meyer, please remember to sign up for their Community Rewards program and link your rewards card to Snake River Audubon Society as the beneficiary, number V1510. Our most recent quarterly donation was **\$48.92.**

Bird Banding at Camas NWR

Bird banding at Camas NWR will continue until the middle of October. The banders welcome visitors and are eager to share their knowledge. Learn about the differences between the various

species of flycatchers and fall-plumaged warblers. They have banded many Sage Thrashers and Loggerhead Shrikes that nest on the refuge.



Long-billed Curlew at Camas NWR
Photo by Colleen Bohan July 1

Idaho Falls Area Birds Great Christmas Gifts!

Idaho Falls

Area Birds



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We went to the cabin this morning to do some work. As we approached the cabin the attached owl was sitting on the deck railing and flew into a nearby tree, where it just sat for a while and watched us. It flew into the woods after a bit, where I saw it later up at the "spring." It just hung around, probably waiting for us to leave so it can watch for grub.

It obviously had been on the railing for some time as there was white-wash and a couple feathers (maybe its own) on the deck. We wonder if it is one of the pair, we had around there a couple years ago.

Don Gosswiller
September 5

Now is the time to start watching for flocks of Swainson's Hawks gathering prior to their fall migration to Argentina. They often follow farmers harvesting grain to catch the rodents that flee the farm equipment.



Copies of our chapter's booklet, *Idaho Falls Area Birds*, will be available at our meetings. The booklet features photographs by 15 Idaho birder/photographers. Cover photo by Gary Ellwein.



Carolyn Bishop took this amazing photo of a weasel with its prey at Market Lake in June.

Birds, Bugles & Brunch!

**Annual Celebration of the Wonders of
Camas National Wildlife Refuge**

Free, Fun, and Family-Friendly!



- Hot Breakfast (RSVP: brian_wehausen@fws.gov)
- Hourly Hayrides (to listen for elk bugling)
- Guided Bird Walks
- Visit with Bird Banding Scientists
- Youth Activities
- Visit with FOC Board Members (Discuss current and future projects)



Saturday, September 23rd, 8:00 AM to 12:00
Camas National Wildlife Refuge
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Hoopoe Lark
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