

## **CHAPTER MEETING: THE WONDERS OF WOODPECKER ALLEY** ED FURLONG

In early August, the foothills of the Rockies are at their warmest and are in waiting. The furious courting of Spring and the endless early Summer feeding and watching over of young have slowed, and in sunny somnolence the pace of wild life seems to drop. The newest generation of Mountain Bluebirds, Mule Deer, Pine Squirrels, and Great Horned Owls is now exploring



Broad-tailed Hummingbird © Audrey Boag

our Evergreen World, imprinting on aspen and wild currant, rock faces and sunny slopes, ahead of the cooling temperatures, migratory urges, and shortening days that so rapidly appear in September and herald the coming of Fall. In August, we too are in waiting. The furious appearance of the migratory species of Spring has slowed, and the novelty of new ticks on our lists can give way to subtler means that allow us to be present in the wild. Our August Chapter meeting provides us with a unique opportunity to learn how to ease back the pace of our observing and expand the depth and grandeur of our seeing when we host Audrey Boag, who will present Woodpecker Alley, an exploration of a very specific and special locale in the Front Range Foothills, with observations of the wild lives that make Woodpecker Alley home. Join us when the doors open at 6:30 on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the Evergreen Audubon Education Center (29997 Buffalo Park Road) and visit with your fellow members and Evergreen neighbors. You will want to grab a good seat to be ready when Audrey leads us through a magnificent visual exploration of the small wonders that await us when we truly stop, look, and listen to the many lives present in these foothill forests. The presentation starts at ~7:20 pm, after a brief business meeting.



Long-eared Owl © Audrey Boag Audrey Boag is a lifelong child of the woods who uses photographs and recordings to reveal some of the wondrous treasures that often go unseen or unnoticed as we wander through the natural world. Known for her patience and skills in understanding the language of the forest, she is a passionate advocate for conservation and believes that protection is best achieved through the joy that comes with awareness.

## Pick up a copy of Sylvia Brockner's New Book

The books are sold at the Evergreen Nature Center, Chow Down pet store, and Hearthfire Books.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE KATHY MADISON

There was a lot going on in July for Evergreen Audubon, including our annual picnic, summer camps and several great bird walks. For those who attended the annual picnic, I hope you enjoyed the new settings at the Grove at Hiwan Homestead. Special thanks to Megan Fuse, our new social director, for organizing such a great picnic. The food was fantastic! I think we had a record number of children who had a great time geocaching with Colleen in the near woods. Thanks everyone for making this annual event another success.



Original photograph by Alistair Montgomery; modified by Lisa Wald

The Evergreen Audubon board has been super busy planning this year's Annual Bash and Benefit. Invitations when out in mid-July showing off the theme of our Mountain Birds; please RSVP as soon as you can. There will be wonderful items and experiences to bid on or purchase raffle tickets for, including: a condo adventure in Crested Butte, a star-gazing soirée, a nature inspired sleep-over for kids, and back by popular demand, the Dutch-oven dinner and a birding trip with a pair of binoculars. The success of the Bash, and our ongoing fundraising, comes from getting new supporters. I'm counting on all of you to help increase our attendance this year. If you've never attended a Bash or it's been several years, join us this year! I encourage everyone to find new and potential donors to attend, especially the high bidders! The Bash is an opportunity to show off the benefits the Nature Center brings to our community so let's end our tenth season with the best bash ever. If you are not able to attend the Bash or send friends to do your bidding for you, you will be able to purchase raffle tickets at the nature center or on our website. Adventure items that are not sold-out at the Bash will be available for purchase online shortly after the Bash.

As for birding in July, I was introduced to yet another great birding spot. On our Third Saturday Walk at Beaver Meadows in the Mount Evans Wilderness Area, I achieved this year's birding challenge of seeing or hearing 106 birds in the watershed. Thanks Chuck. Remember, the goals are 106 species in the watershed or 129 in Jefferson County or 71 in Clear Creek County or 166 in Colorado.

Happy birding and see you at the Bash on August 25!

- Kathy

## **ANNUAL BASH & BENEFIT**

The annual Evergreen Nature Center Bash and Benefit is coming up. Join us On Friday, August 25th from 5:30 pm until 9:00 pm at the beautiful Hiwan Golf Club for an evening of delicious food, complimentary libations, great company and the opportunity to support a wonderful program. Our theme this year is *Our Mountain Birds* and we'll have some fun activities to challenge and entertain you!

Enjoy delicious hearty appetizers and complimentary beer and wine as you peruse the fantastic assortment of items at the silent auction tables. Feel free to participate in a little bit of competitive bidding ... it's all for a great cause! In addition to our silent auction and live "Paddle Raise" we'll have a raffle for some great prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Nature Center and at the Bash.

The Evergreen Nature Center exists because of the wonderful support of a caring, generous community. Your support at this year's Bash and Benefit will ensure Evergreen Nature Center remains strong as a pro-active partner in nature education in our mountain area. We've already had more than 10,000 visitors this season, hosted a dozen school and scout groups and had the first sessions our own Evergreen Audubon Summer Day Camp. Continued funding allows us to reach

#### **ANN DODSON**

more visitors and school groups; enhance the Center's exhibits, grow our programs and find new ways to foster contagious enthusiasm for our natural world. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us at the Bash, too. The more the merrier!

Tickets are \$75 for patrons and \$50 for supporters. The ticket price includes complimentary food, wine and beer. We are looking for silent auction items, so if you have a special skill you would be willing to share or know a business that would be willing to donate an item or service please call me at 303-670-8264 or email development@evergreenaudubon.org.

## **EXCITING RAFFLE ITEMS!**

#### **Nature Slumber Party**

Want to slumber with furry taxidermy at Evergreen Audubon Education Center and take a night hike with a naturalist? Buy a raffle ticket today. The winner and five of their friends (between ages 6 and 12) will have a private sleepover hosted by the ENC director and volunteers at our new Education Center adjacent to Alderfer/ Three Sisters Park.

Priceless Value! Includes:

- \* Indoor and outdoor nature adventures
- \* Photo ops with many of our taxidermy critters

\* Dinner/Snack & breakfast the next morning

Kids bring: Sleeping bag, Pillow, PJs, Fun attitude!

Buy Raffle Tickets online or at the Evergreen Nature Center: 1 chance for \$20; 3 chances for \$50; 8 chances for \$100

Colorado Raffle License #2017-11234



Drawings to be held at the Evergreen Nature Center Bash on August 25, 2017, Hiwan Golf Club at 8:00 PM Need not be present to win!



#### **KATHY MADISON**

**Overnight Birding Trip for 2 to Northeast Colorado** - Guided by Brad Andres & Heather Johnson

Join Brad and Heather for some amazing birding and adventure. They know the best birding locations as well as the best restaurants!

\$800 Value! Includes:

- \* An Eagle Optics Denali 8 x 42 Binocular
- \* One-night Lodging (double occupancy)
- \* One Dinner, Two Lunches
- \* Transportation
- \* Choice of season for your trip
  - \* Winter: Raptors, Owls, Geese & more
  - \* Spring: Landbirds & more
  - \* Fall: Shorebirds & more

Buy Raffle Tickets online or at the Evergreen Nature Center: 1 chance for \$10; 5 chances for \$40; 10 chances for \$75

*at left: Trip hosts, Brad and Heather, with last year's happy winners; Carmon and Donald.* 

# **OUR DIVERSE MOUNTAIN BIRD COMMUNITY**

### **CHUCK AID**

Over 300 species of birds have been recorded along Bear Creek from the summit of Mount Evans at 14,271 feet down to the confluence with the South Platte River at 5300 feet. In that descent of almost 9000 feet, Bear Creek passes through a remarkable diversity of habitats in less than 35 miles, each with its own assemblage of birds. Here is a sampling of some birds from each group.



Brown-capped Rosy-Finch © Bill Schmoker

#### Setting the stage – the main elevational habitat zones

In the highest snow-filled couloirs and **alpine tundra** of Mount Evans, flourish Brown-capped Rosy-Finches. Endemic to Colorado, southern Wyoming, and northern New Mexico, they nest up to 14,200 feet, and even in the winter appear to prefer the highest elevations. It is only as a result of the most severe winter storms that we occasionally see them driven down to Red Rocks.

Descending across the tundra, we find **krummholz**, the stunted, wind-blasted upper limit of forest. In this interface of two highly different habitats, the song of the Whitecrowned Sparrow fills the air during breeding season, and White-tailed Ptarmigan take refuge here during

#### the winter.

**Spruce-fir forest** can extend from timberline (locally about 11,500 feet) down to almost 9000 feet. During the summer, in this extensive, cool, moist forest, is heard the ethereal song of the Hermit Thrush, and one can occasionally find the beautiful, old-growth-loving Golden-crowned Kinglet. Dropping



Red-naped Sapsucker © Bill Schmoker

down a bit farther, things become more of a mosaic. Limber pine, bristlecone pine, lodgepole pine, and aspen forests can all occur from timberline down to 7500 feet. Limber and bristlecone pines do not attract a wide diversity of birds, though Clark's Nutcrackers love the large limber pine seeds; and while lodgepole pine forest attracts a good diversity of species, including breeding Audubon's Warblers, the density of birds is low. It is the aspen groves and mixed aspen-conifer associations, coupled with a rich understory of shrubs and herbaceous plants, that result in a high diversity of such breeding birds as Red-naped Sapsucker and Violet-green Swallow.



Western Tanager © Rob Raker

Starting at about 9000 feet and dropping all the way down to "the other timberline" – the one where the semi-desert grassland of eastern Colorado begins due to the lack of precipitation – we pick up **Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine forests**. Western Bluebird and Western Tanager are just two of the colorful species breeding here.

Finally, moving out on to the **plains grassland** we find Western Mead-owlark.



Western Meadowlark © Sherman Wing

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#### That's not all - Just a few more habitats to really make things interesting!

If we stay in close proximity to Bear Creek through this whole loss of elevation we discover a variety of mountain riparian habitats composed of lakes, ponds, wetlands, adjacent streams, and willow and alder thickets. Wilson's Warblers are at the upper end of this continuum, while American Dippers are the lower end. Then, as Bear Creek exits the foothills at Morrison we move into lowland riparian, which is dominated by plains cottonwoods. Many bird species use this rich habitat including Bullock's Oriole and Yellow Warbler.

Scattered throughout the forested



Virginia Warbler © Bill Schmoker mountains are **montane meadows** where Mountain Bluebirds and Vesper Sparrows forage, nesting in adjacent shrubs and forest.

Montane shrublands occur in the foothills and can be dominated by members of the currant family at the upper end and by mountain mahogany and Gambel oak lower down. Green-tailed Towhees and Virginia's Warblers nest here.

#### Conclusions

Currently, about 500 species have been recorded in Colorado, and in our Evergreen backyard we have been able to find over 300 of them. The diversity of habitats is astounding and results in a truly incredible array of birds, and you only need to drive a couple of miles to put yourself in a completely different avian world; or, for that matter, just cross a valley and go from a north-facing slope to a south-facing slope and watch how different the bird species are between one side and the other, and, then, if you pause halfway across, in the riparian corridor at the bottom of the valley, there is still another group! Incredible!



Grenadiers © Chuck Aid

#### THE GREAT AMERICAN SOLAR ECLIPSE - AUGUST 21ST **BILL HACKOS**

On August 21, most of North America will experience a solar eclipse. The moon will pass directly between the Earth and the Sun, blocking some of the light from the sun to the earth. In a narrow band stretching from the Oregon coast

to South Carolina, the moon will block out all of the sun's light for about two minutes. Colorado is not in the path of totality but northeastern Colorado is very close. During the peak of the solar eclipse, Denver will lose 93% of its sunlight. Cities in the path of totality like Casper WY, and Lincoln and Omaha, NB will be in the path of totality, losing 100% of their sunlight for about 2 minutes.

A total solar eclipse is a rare event. The last time a total eclipse of the sun passed across the United States was in 1918.

For the 2017 eclipse, it is estimated that 220 million people live within 500 miles of the path of Totality. People have been planning for this event for several years. Many cities in the path have planned for eclipse festivals. All hotels and campgrounds have been sold out for many months. Remaining rooms are selling out for more than \$1,000/ night. JoAnn and I have booked a room in Sterling, CO and will make a 100-mile drive early in the morning to Alliance, NE to view the eclipse.

What is a solar eclipse? - When you observe a total solar eclipse, you are in the moon's shadow. The moon casts shadows on the earth as it is illuminated by the solar light. The moon's shadow normally does not fall on the earth because the

What is a lunar eclipse? - A lunar eclipse happens when the earth's shadow is cast on the moon. When you observe a lunar eclipse, you are looking at the earth's shadow on the surface of the moon.



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orbits of the earth and moon are inclined to each other, causing the moon's shadow to miss the earth during the moon's monthly revolution around the earth. On the rare occasions that the moon's shadow reaches the earth, the area it hits on the earth is actually quite small. The August 21 solar eclipse path is only about 70 miles wide, hence the migration of observers to the path of totality.

You can see an excellent animation of the eclipse at www.timeanddate. com/eclipse/solar/2017-august-21

What to look for in the August 21 total solar eclipse - Get to your preferred site about two hours before the predicted totality. The edge of the moon's shadow will gradually cover the disk of the sun for about 80 minutes before totality. Use your pinhole camera or special eclipse glasses to watch the shadow progressing over the sun. Do not look at the sun!

Gradually the light around you will get darker. Mammals and birds will respond to the change in light.

Look on the ground around you. Light filtered by tree leaves will act as pin hole cameras, creating thousands of crescent-shaped patterns on the ground.

As the shadow moves to your position, you will notice a darkening of the sky as if a storm is coming. When the entire disk of the sun is blocked at your site, that is totality. You can take off your dark glasses and enjoy the display of the upper atmosphere of the sun, the corona. Enjoy your two minutes. Soon the sun will start be visible. Again--do

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not look at the sun! In another 80 minutes, the spectacle will be over.

Safety - Even a short exposure to full sunlight can be damaging to the eye. Do not look at the sun. If you are with children, they should observe using a pinhole camera. Make sure that the kids use the pinhole camera except during totality when it is safe to look at the darkened sun. Make sure they look away and go back to the pinhole camera as soon as the smallest glimmer of sunlight is visible.

Don't look through binoculars or a telescope directly at the sun. You can severely damage your eyes.

What if it's cloudy? Here in the High Plains, weather forecasters predict a 70% probability of clear sky for the eclipse. If you happen to be in the unfortunate 30%, you will at least have seen the sudden darkening and the beauty of the Great Plains.

#### **Constructing a pinhole projector**

- We purchased several pairs of dark eclipse glasses online. You can also find lots of instructions for making elaborate pinhole projector online. But we stick to something really simple and cheap. Find a long box. A shoebox will do, but you'll see a larger image of the sun if your box is longer or if you have very big feet. Using a nail, puncture a hole in the center of the short end of the box. As the eclipse starts, hold your box with the hole pointed at the sun. Angle the lid over the box to darken the field of view. You'll see the image of the sun and the progressive shadow on the opposite side of the

box.

Here are instructions and a drawing, although we don't recommend a hole for your head. www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/box-pinhole-projector.html

Another simple setup using 2 sheets of cardboard can be found at www. timeanddate.com/eclipse/make-pinhole-projector.html

Bill Hackos has a PhD in Astrophysics. He taught Astronomy and Physics at Central Michigan University and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He has observed the stars using major telescopes in the Davis Mountains of West Texas (McDonald Observatory) and in southern Arizona (Kitt Peak National Observatory). He has not yet seen a total solar eclipse!

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FILM NIGHT - AUGUST 10TH!**

#### **KATHY MADISON**

Join Evergreen Audubon and Evergreen's Alliance for Sustainability (EAS+Y) for a special screening of Seed & Sprout, Growing a Food Rescue Revolution. Speakers, Virginia Till an EPA recycling specialist and Turner

Wyatt, the Ex Director, Denver Food Rescue will lead the discussion. We'll also show two other short films: Chocolate & Fair You make it EASY! Trade and Fishing



in Alaska by Native Americans.

A bit about the feature film: In 2015, one in six Americans experienced hunger while over 40% of food produced in the USA went uneaten. This film follows eight innovative food rescue initiatives across the USA. From prison

farms and grocery store donations delivered solely by bicycle, to gleaning from Harvard University dining halls, these go-getters encourage a new generation of creative responses to ending hunger and shrinking landfills. Their focus is on morphing discarded healthy food into nourishment. Seed &

Sprout asks: can ordinary people end hunger in America by redistributing a small percentage of the wasted food flooding our food system and dumping grounds?

Doors open at 6pm for

socializing & snacks. Program starts at 6:30pm. This is a free event, but donations will gladly by accepted to pay for the meeting space.

In keeping with the "green" theme, please bring your own reusable cup/ glass for your beverage.



Volunteers harvesting food during gleaning event by U.S. Department of Agriculture (CC BY 2.0)

# Fall Bird Seed Sale!

**Patio Blend** - Hulled sunflower, hulled millet & peanut pieces

Order by Monday, September 18th!

**Song Bird Blend** - Black oil sunflower, millet, safflower, peanut pieces & hulled sunflower **Medium Sunflower Chips** - No mess and no millet.

**Safflower** – Deters squirrels. Attracts chickadees, nuthatches, and finches

**Nyjer** – Goldfinch and siskin favorite!! **Finch Blend** - Nyjer, fine sunflower chips, hulled millet.

**Shelled Peanuts** - Woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, jays & squirrels.

**Hulled Millet** – Great for juncos, and no sprouting in the spring.

**Cracked Corn** – Ducks, doves, and squirrels. **No Milo No Mess Blend** - White proso millet, red proso millet, black oil sunflower, wheat, cracked corn.

**Nut and Fruit blend** – Attracts chickadees, nuthatches, and woodpeckers.

**Nature Blend** - corn, peanuts-in-shell, etc. Attracts jays and squirrels.

**Peanuts in the shell** – Attracts jays, woodpeckers, and squirrels.

High Energy Suet 12/case – Attracts chickadees, nuthatches. It's time to order your bird seed for the fall and winter! We are partnering with Front Range Birding Company to bring you the best, locally sourced, bird seed. A portion of each sale will be donated to Evergreen Audubon. You can order the bird seed on our website at: www.evergreenaudubon.org/events/bird-seed-sales-february-2017

Or use an order form that we'll have at the Evergreen Nature Center and at the next two Chapter Meetings. Pick-up on Thursday October Sth!

Chickadee and Bird Seed by Dawn Huczek (CC BY 2.0)



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# **BOOK REVIEW**

For 45 years, Sylvia Brockner wrote a weekly column for the Canyon Courier, describing the wildlife, birds, plants, and natural environment around Evergreen, Colorado and the Bear Creek Watershed. Her columns were highly anticipated each week by local residents. Through those columns, we learned about the flowers blooming in the woods and meadows, as well as in our backyards. We discovered what birds were visiting our feeders and which ones were likely to stay around to raise their young. And, we learned of the personal experiences of Sylvia and Bill Brockner, who were instrumental in founding in 1968 the Evergreen Naturalists, Inc., which became the Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society (TENAS), and is now Evergreen Audubon.

In July 2017, Sylvia Brockner published *Mountain Birds of Colorado*, a compilation of 50 of her articles from the *Canyon Courier*, with assistance from Evergreen Audubon members. If you are a local birdwatcher, a budding birdwatcher, or just someone who would really like to know the names and identities of your feeder birds, you will find a wealth of information in this collection.

The collection is divided into the four seasons, beginning with winter.

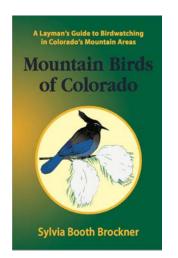
**Winter -** The 15 winter residents that Sylvia focuses on include the ever-present Dark-eyed Juncos. "The little gray bird with white outer tail feathers and

a rust patch on his back" is a yearlong visitor to Evergreen. But in winter, we may see



white outer tail feathers

all five subspecies that occur in North America: the Oregon, Pink-sided, White-winged, and Slate-colored in addition to the Grey-headed.



Mountain Birds of Colorado: A Layman's Guide to Birdwatching in Colorado's Mountain Areas. Sylvia Booth Brockner.

**Spring -** In spring, you learn about 13 birds that migrate into the mountains, often after journeys of thousands of miles. Read about our Mountain and Western Bluebirds, birds that nest in

the boxes are set up at Elk Meadow and at Alderfer/ Three Sisters Park. Sylvia even includes the directions



for making your own bluebird house. She notes that the Broad-tailed Hummingbird is the first of the "hummers" to arrive in the spring, the "only one to nest with great regularity around Evergreen." Sylvia tells us about friends who find a nest 40 feet above the ground in a Douglas-fir and another friend with a nest just 30 inches above ground.

**Summer** - Summer brings you 10 more regular visitors and nesters. You meet the small flycatchers, including the Cordilleran Flycatchers that build their nests "in a hollow or hole in a cutbank," or "on rocky ledges and on tree limbs and logs." They also like "newly excavated cellars, on beams in partially

#### **JoANN HACKOS**

built houses, on narrow ledges over banging screen doors," and more. They nest in "just about any place you can imagine." If you hear a "pseet" out your window, you probably have a Cordilleran Flycatcher nearby. You might also see or hear the Hammond's Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatchers, Willow Flycatcher, and Alder Flycatcher. You can find each of these flycatchers at various elevations in our mountain area.

**Fall -** In the fourth section, you discover the "fantastic movement of birds through our area" during fall migration. Sylvia tells of a trip down Kerr Gulch, Bergen Park, and the Hiwan ponds, where she and Bill observed an amazing 53 different species.

The final article in the book highlights the American Dipper, the mascot of Evergreen Audubon and a year-round resident of the Bear Creek Watershed. If you haven't seen a dipper, Sylvia recommends walking Bear Creek from the Episcopal Church to the foot of the dam. "I can almost guarantee you will see at least one and perhaps two ...."

You can get your copy of *Mountain Birds of Colorado* at the Evergreen Nature Center on Evergreen Lake and at Chow Down and Hearthfire Books in the Bergen Park shopping center. The cost is \$15 with a 10% discount for members of Evergreen Audubon (at the Nature Center only). You'll discover the amazing wealth of avian wildlife we are blessed with in Evergreen and learn from the remarkable personal stories that grace the book.



All illustrations by Sylvia Brockner and found in the book.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY BIRD WALKS

This past week we did two backto-back bird walks into the Mount Evans Wilderness, each starting from Camp Rock Campground. The Beartrack Lakes Trail briefly follows Bear Creek upstream through a beautiful coniferous riparian forest, then at the confluence with Truesdell Creek the trail climbs up between the two creeks passing through a human-caused 485-acre



Olive-sided Flycatcher by Andy Reago & Chrissy McClarren (CC BY 2.0)

parcel that was burned in 1998. Large burned snags dominate the landscape with young pines, spruce, and aspen slowly regenerating the area. The Beaver Meadows Trail climbs briefly through a sprucefir forest before moving on to a ponderosa-and-aspen-dominated south-facing slope above Bear Creek, and eventually arriving at the half-mile long Beaver Meadows – dense with ponds and willow thickets.

On the Beartrack Lakes Trail morning we tallied 25 species (see complete list online). Highlights included plentiful opportunity for becoming Olive-sided Flycatcher experts – good long views and

non-stop vocalizing. The nesting Warbling Vireo family provided great entertainment with beaks of nestlings poked skyward in anticipation of the next tidbit brought in by an adult. A shorttailed, fledgling Northern Flicker worked at trying to find something to eat on a bare



*Warbling Vireo carrying food* © *Bill Schmoker* 

snag, but seemed very enthusiastic when one of the parents finally showed up with a morsel.

On the Beaver Meadows morning we tallied 27 species (see complete list online). This group also got to observe Warbling Vireo parents feeding their nestlings. A recently fledged Hairy Woodpecker gratefully accepted food from mom, as did a fledgling Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a fledgling Lincoln's Sparrow from

their respective parents. We got to see a Wilson's Warbler carrying food, but could not find a nest or fledgling. After much trying on both outings, the second group finally got excellent views of a male Golden-crowned Kinglet. And, though perhaps not as of much interest to those who reside at the lower elevations. we saw a pair of Blackcapped Chickadees

- indicating good likelihood of their breeding in the vicinity.

Overall, both mornings were quite glorious, with an overall count of 35 species. These are walks to be relished every year, and we always look forward to getting into this area. And, no, we did not see any moose this year, but there's always that possibility.

See you on the next walk!



Hairy Woodpeckers by Kelly Colgan Azar (CC BY-ND 2.0)

# CHUCK AID

# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

## AUGUST

Wednesday, 2nd Thursday, 3rd Saturday, 5th Saturday, 5th Thursday, 10th Friday, 11th Wednesday, 16th Saturday, 19th Friday, 25th Guided Bird Walk Chapter Meeting Guided Bird Walk Dam Duck Derby Environmental Film Night Story Time with the Library Wednesday Wild Ones Guided Bird Walk Bash and Benefit 6:30 am -11:30 am 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 4:30am - 10 am 11 am - 3 pm 6 pm - 9 pm 11 am - 12 pm 11 am - 12 pm 6:30 am -11:30 am 5:30 pm - 9 pm Elk Management Area Education Center Mt. Evans (meet Bergen Park) Downtown Evergreen Education Center Evergreen Nature Center Evergreen Nature Center Groundhog Flats Hiwan Golf Club

## SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 6th	Guided Bird Walk	6:30 am -11:30 am	TBD
Thursday, 7th	Chapter Meeting	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Education Center
Saturday, 16th	Guided Bird Walk	6:30 am -11:30 am	TBD
Monday, 18th	Deadline to Order Bird Seed - Pick up on October 5th		Education Center

#### **Membership Matters!**

#### **Evergreen Audubon Local Membership Application**

I/we would like to join the Evergreen Audubon. I/we may participate in all chapter activities, receive the newsletter electronically, and vote (two Family members may vote) on chapter issues. Dues remain locally.

Name					
Family member name(s)					
Address		City		State	Zip
Phone (optional)		ude to receive elec			es)
		Individual	Family		
	Annual dues	\$ 25	\$ 40		
	Additional donation	\$	\$		
	Total enclosed	\$	\$		

Enclosed is my check payable to: Evergreen Audubon, P.O. Box 523, Evergreen, CO 80437.

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