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## President's Report – November 2016 – Evergreen Audubon

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**Looks like winter may finally show up here in Evergreen. With that, we get to celebrate our 48th consecutive year of participating in the annual [Christmas Bird count](#).**

Teams will be heading out on Sunday December 18th to listen and site birds from Idaho Springs, Clear Creek, Genesee, Bergen Park, Squaw Pass, Elk Management Area, Brook Forest, Vance Creek, Upper Bear Creek, Evergreen, and down to Kerr Gulch. Special thanks to all the area leaders and Chuck Aid for coordinating.

Once again, we will gather at Lisa and David Wald's house for

the Tally Rally at the end of the day. Thanks, as always, to them for hosting. Remember you can head out with a leader, spot birds at your feeder or just come to the Tally Rally! Details can be found at the [Chapter Meeting on Dec 1st](#) (which will be held in the new [Evergreen Audubon Education Center](#) at 29997 Buffalo Park Road.)

The Christmas Bird Count is an excellent way to help you succeed in the **2016 Bear Creek Watershed 100 Species Birding Challenge**. If you plan to join a team to reach the goal, just make sure they are surveying *in* the Bear Creek watershed!

We'll be honoring those who accomplish the challenge at the **Evergreen Audubon Annual Banquet** on Friday January 20, 2017 at Mount Vernon Country Club. We'll also be looking back onto 2016, sharing stories and socializing. Everyone is welcomed at this traditional event. Details of the banquet and registration options will be available on the website soon.

In addition to prepping for the **Christmas Bird Count** at the **December Chapter meeting**, we will be voting on some changes to the **Evergreen Audubon Board**. If you are an active member and can't attend the meeting, please send me ([president@evergreenaudubon.org](mailto:president@evergreenaudubon.org)) your proxy vote as whether you agree or disagree with the slate changes. The following changes or re-elections will be voted on: Rachel Hutchison to continue as Treasurer, Ed Furlong to continue as Education Chair, Ann Dodson to continue as Development Chair, Melissa Leasia to switch to Communications Chair, Mendhi Audlin to switch to an At Large Member and JoAnn Hackos (removing Bill Hackos) to continue as an At Large Member. All other board

members position do not need to be voted on this year.

You should be getting a postcard describing a year-end giving opportunity through the [Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, Dec 6](#). We have been participating in Colorado Gives Day since 2010, and last year you helped us more than ever.

**Colorado Gives Day** is a movement designed to inspire and unite Coloradans in supporting local nonprofits through online giving, which is sponsored by Community First Foundation and FirstBank. You can donate to your favorite charity, such as, Evergreen Nature Center / Evergreen Audubon *on* Colorado Gives Day or you can *schedule* a donation ahead of time to take advantage of the incentive dollars provided on by FirstBank. Thanks to all those who have supported us in the past and to those who plan to support us again this year.

I was pleased to see voters agreed to continue to support the **Science & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) initiative**. The funds we receive from SCFD will become even more important as Colleen kicks off ***After-School Programs, Scouting Events, and Summer Nature Camps***.

These programs will be held at our new Education Center (note, we'll also continue doing programs, like *Wednesday Wild Ones* at the Nature Center). To promote the center, please join us at the new facility on **Saturday January 28th for an Open House** where we'll introduce the new programs to the community. More details of the open house will be available soon.

I know I'm getting ahead of myself, but 2017 is going to be an exciting and busy year for Evergreen Audubon. In the meantime,

enjoy the holiday season and I hope to see you at the Christmas  
Bird Count!

Kathy