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President's Report – August 2017 – Evergreen Audubon

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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 geo-caching with Colleen in the near woods. Thanks everyone for making this annual event another success.

The Evergreen Audubon board has been super busy planning this year's Annual Bash and Benefit. Invitations went 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 soiree, 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!