

From the President: Board Election and Birding Challenge

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Board Election

I hope you can join us on December 3 for our annual board election. For 2021, there are three Evergreen Audubon Board positions up for election: Bird Monitoring, Conservation, and one At-Large position, for which the current board members in these positions (Chuck Aid, JoAnn Hackos, and Larry White, respectively) are interested in continuing for another three-year term. Two other At-Large members, Dwight Souder and Susan Toussaint, are stepping down at the end of this year. Many thanks to Dwight and Susan for diligently serving our membership. We also have an opening for Secretary, as Ann Dodson, currently an At-Large member, has been filling in as Secretary during 2020. Thank you, Ann.

I encourage anyone who is interested in participating on the Board to contact me or any other Board member. We currently meet monthly, via Zoom, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 6:00 pm. Meetings typically last two hours or so. In addition to the usual board responsibilities — monitoring finances, fundraising and programming — we discuss updates from the National Audubon Society, and review local, state and regional conservation efforts, including those of the Audubon Colorado Council and Audubon of the Rockies. We bring a variety of perspectives to the table and enjoy working together to support local conservation and the Evergreen Nature Center.

During the virtual Chapter meeting on December 3rd, I will ask if there are any other names to be put forward to fill the positions. We will then vote either to approve the slate or, if warranted, we will vote individually on each position. We will vote either by raising our hands, literally holding a hand up to our individual computer's video cameras or by clicking on the raised hand icon at the bottom of the Zoom screen (click on "reactions)." If you prefer, you may also send me a "private chat" with your vote. The private chat is also located on the Zoom video screen.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to vote, please send an email to me at president@evergreenaudubon.org, indicating your choices. If you would like to vote for a write-in candidate, please include that information in an email to me.

Birding Challenge Ends December 31!

There are only a few weeks left in the 2020 Birding Challenge. I encourage everyone to be on the lookout for wintering waterfowl, sparrows, raptors and other species showing up in the Bear Creek Watershed and beyond. There are plenty of good species to find nearby. Just last week, Heather and I observed more than 50 American Tree Sparrows at Bear Creek Lake Park.

To become a member of the “Challenge Club, ” you need to have 109 species in the Bear Creek Watershed; 130 in Jefferson County; 75 species in Clear Creek County and/or the 170 anywhere in Colorado. These lists are not mutually exclusive! You may keep and report on as many of the lists as you would like. Reaching just one of these thresholds qualifies you for the Club and all the rights and privileges of membership. Well, you get a nice hat, anyway.

Good luck with the last push!