

From the Director: Summer Days

Emma Vasicek. August 1, 2021 :

I have to admit that my Midwestern lungs are still working to acclimatize to the heat & elevation of summertime in Colorado. While hiking with middle schoolers during our partner programs with Hiwan Museum, I was humbled on more than one occasion by the stamina of the 10 yr olds hiking with us. But even as my lungs struggled to keep up, I felt so much joy at being able to experience the beauty of our natural world with these kids. I feel truly blessed to be able to facilitate nature experiences within our mountain community and am excited by what's to come.

July has been a busy month: the Nature Center welcomed over 3,200 visitors this month alone, we launched five new partner programs (with more to come), and participated in Conifer's Elevation Celebration event where we interacted with almost 600 people over the course of the two-day event! I am continually blown away by the support of our members and volunteers. The enormity of Evergreen Audubon's potential is awe-inspiring and is only possible because of you. Thank you for being part of this incredible organization and for allowing me to be part of it with you. I cannot wait to continue this journey and hope you share in my enthusiasm for the future.

Wildlife Watch!

Our spring season of Wildlife Watch engaged with over 750 individuals! A group of dedicated volunteers went out around Evergreen Lake every weekend for 4 weeks with a program cart and educational materials to promote awareness about interacting with wildlife responsibly. Thank you so much to our Spring 2021 Wildlife Watch Volunteers!!

We are gearing up for our fall season of Wildlife Watch and would love for you to participate! During the months of September and October, when the male elk begin their rut, it is crucial to understand how we can recreate responsibly around the lake. Our hope is to provide an understanding of the dangers that can come with coexisting so closely with wildlife while encouraging education and respect. If you would like to be involved with our fall season of Wildlife Watch, please contact me at EOD@EvergreenAudubon.org.

Wildlife Watch is a collaborative program supported by Evergreen Audubon, Denver Parks & Recreation, and Wild Aware. Our mission is to foster wildlife awareness, safety and appreciation in our mountain community.