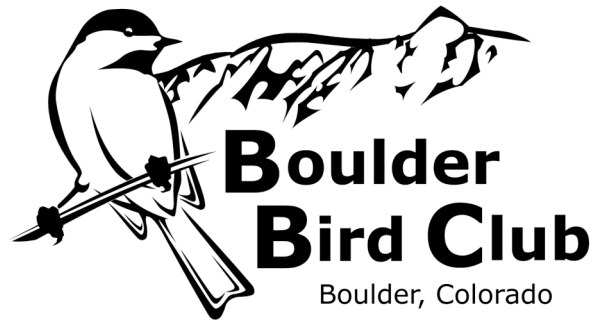


# BOULDER BIRD CLUB NEWS

<http://www.boulderbirdclub.org/>

*Sixty Years Dedicated to the  
Field Observation of Birds*

**Apr., May, June 2010**



## **Copresidents' Letter - March 2010**

In our first copresidents' letter, we want to start by expressing our deep appreciation to Jim Eide for his service to the BBC for five years. To honor and thank him, the club donated \$300 in his name to the Birds of Prey Foundation in December. So many others work hard for our club, from the wonderful board members to trip leaders, newsletter helpers, website maintenance, and many more. We only exist because of our volunteer help, so thank you to all who contribute.

We also thank all those who donate additional money to the club each year when they renew their memberships. These donations have allowed us to do many things, including the purchase of our new scope, honoraria for our spring meeting presenters, newsletter publication and hard copy mailing, food for the wild turkeys on Julie Hammarstrom's Flagstaff mountain property, and support for local nonprofits engaged in environmental education and the care and rehabilitation of wildlife, especially birds. Finally, we want to express our gratitude to Tom and Ginny Carr for their very generous gift of \$500 to the club.

As we head into the exciting season of spring migration, we look forward to seeing you on many of the trips listed in the newsletter calendar. Good birding to all!

### **Sightings**

Carol Cogswell is our new board member responsible for sightings. Carol will work with the copresidents and several other members to spearhead the effort to submit all trip checklists from BBC trips to Cornell's ebird.org database. Over the next year or so, our goal is to enter all the checklists from the past five years of field trips, as well. Thank you, Carol, for helping us with this important task.

### **Honorary Members**

BBC would like to recognize some special people who, over many years of service, have contributed greatly to the success of the club. These individuals are members for life and need not renew their memberships. They will receive the quarterly newsletters and our continued appreciation for all they have done. They are:

Ferd and Jo Dirckx  
Suzi and Myron Plooster  
Helga and Jay Sproul  
Elizabeth Mekkelsen  
Esther Campbell  
Marjorie Foland  
Hope Leighton  
Art and Helen Wainwright

### **Send Us Your Articles!**

We are very fortunate to have local experts, such as Ted Floyd, Bill Schmoker, Joyce Takamine, Lonny Frye, and others who write articles for the newsletter. We want to encourage members to submit articles of interest to our birding community, as well as shorter pieces on your trips and sightings. Send them to [pat\\_heller@msn.com](mailto:pat_heller@msn.com)

Thank you!

*Ann Tagawa and Jim Guerin*

## **Flagstaff Mountain Picnic and Bird Walk**

**Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

at Julie Hammarstrom's House.

Julie Hammarstrom will again host this special summer bird walk and get-together at her home on top of Flagstaff Mountain. This is a great time to meet and visit with other members. Nesting birds, flycatchers, bluebirds, hummers, chickadees, turkeys and more. Bring your own picnic lunch. Meet at the west end of the East Boulder Recreation Center parking lot at 8 AM sharp to carpool to Julie's. Those with walking impairments will enjoy birding around the house. Return around 1:30. Leader: Jim Eide, 303-443-6236.

## **Spring Meeting**

Saturday, March 13, 2010

The BBC had its annual spring meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> at Golden West Manor, which was a huge success thanks to Chuck Lowrie, our VP, Elizabeth Mekkelsen, and all the members who brought great food and drink. After a bit of socializing and figuring out how to get the slide screen just right, Ann Tagawa went over some BBC announcements, and then our presenter, Paul Bannick, was introduced.

Some members had already seen Paul Bannick's presentation on his latest book, "The Owl and the Woodpecker," and we all looked forward to seeing this photographic visual treat again. Members who saw and heard Paul speak for the first time said he was one of the best presenters they had heard and that they were in awe of his passion and determination in getting his amazing photographs.

Paul Bannick's work not only inspires us with its beauty but also shows us that to coexist, we all need to do our part so that the treasures of this amazing world we live in will be here for many generations.

## **Sigrid Ueblacker's Memorial**

Many of you have inquired about the date and place of Sigrid Ueblacker's memorial service. Sigrid died suddenly on October 31, 2009 after founding and running the Birds of Prey Foundation for many years. The memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 23 at Cherokee Ranch in Douglas County. Please go to [birds-of-prey.org](http://birds-of-prey.org) for time and directions to the ranch.

### Joining the "boulderbirdclub" Yahoo! Group

BBC members now have a way to communicate with each other about upcoming trips (local, national, international), share sightings information, photos, and other items of interest.

1. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/>
2. If you are **not yet a member** of Yahoo! Groups:
  - a. Click "**Sign Up**" (Joining Yahoo! Groups is free.)
  - b. Complete and submit membership information. Membership gives you a Yahoo email address.
3. If you are **already a member** of Yahoo! Groups, sign in.
4. Search for "**boulderbirdclub**"
5. Click on "**Join this group**" to get to the boulderbirdclub membership request webpage
6. Review and finish your request as outlined on this webpage.
  - (If you want to receive email announcements at your regular email address, you will need to submit and verify that address. You can do that from this webpage, or later, by changing "Account Information" on your "Profile" page.)
  - All membership requests for boulderbirdclub need to be approved by the moderator. You will receive a confirmation email when your membership has been approved.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Anderson	Meredith	Westminster
Ferguson	Richard & Marianne Haffey	Boulder
Hart	Georgia	Englewood
Howell	Jeanne	Frederick
Lee	Linda	Louisville
Maynard	Cindy	Boulder
Melahn	Lesley	Englewood, FL
Oliver	Thomas	Broomfield
Sydow	Wendy	Lafayette
Tarr	Steve & Becky	Boulder
Timmons	Janice	Longmont
Van Loon	Dana	Boulder
Wyckoff	Peter G.	Boulder
Zaun	Neal	Boulder

**The Boulder Bird Club** welcomes birders of all abilities and ages on our field trips. Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Come and join us!

**Field Trip Coordinator:** Lonny Frye (303-931-9131). **Contact trip leaders for information on their trips.**

**Trip Cancellations:** Our weather is unpredictable. On the (rare) occasion when a trip leader must cancel the trip due to inclement weather, illness, family emergency, etc., the leader will post the cancellation notice on the CoBirds site and the BBC "boulderbirdclub" Yahoo Group.

**Trip Sign-Up Sheets and Participant Responsibility:** Everyone who attends a BBC trip **MUST** sign the sign-up sheet before being allowed on the trip. By signing the sheet and/or participating in the trip, each person declares that he/she is solely responsible for his/her safety, and in no way will hold the Club, trip leader, or any participating person responsible for his/her safety. Sign in every time. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Carpooling On Trips:** Please pay your carpooling fee up front to the driver at the start of the trip. At the end of trips we often forget. Have the exact amount and don't wait for driver to ask you for it. **JUST DO IT.**

**BBC Scope/Radios:** The BBC scope and two-way radios are available for trip leaders. Call Lonny Frye (303-931-9131).

### *In Memoriam*

### **Louise Hering**

September 13, 1922 – February 20, 2010

Louise Hering, the last active charter member of the Boulder Bird Club, passed away February 20, 2010 at the age of 87. She was well known by Boulder birders and those interested in nature. Most of us remember seeing her on mornings at Cottonwood Marsh where she was a regular, her head covered in her trademark favorite blue "babushka" scarf. It was her morning ritual to go out birdwatching until she was confined to the nursing home seven years ago.

Louise Hering was born on September 13, 1922 on the family homestead in the Black Forest near Colorado Springs, Colorado. She passed peacefully on February 20, 2010 at the age of 87 at the Boulder Manor Nursing Home in Boulder, Colorado.

Louise received her undergraduate degree Magna Cum Laud in General Science from the University of Oregon in 1943 and was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar. She later went on to receive her Master's Degree in Bird Ecology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. As a graduate student at C.U., she enjoyed her job in the Biology Dissecting Laboratory, instructing pre-med students.

Louise was a nature lover and an avid bird watcher. She was a charter member of the Boulder Bird Club, which was founded in 1947 by townspeople and graduate students from C.U. For 42 years she collected data from a bird plot on Boulder's Enchanted Mesa, creating the longest-running breeding bird study in Colorado. She was present in 1997 when the Boulder Bird Club dedicated a park bench in her honor at Walden Wildlife Habitat on 75<sup>th</sup> Street. She was also a member of the Rocky Mountain Climbers Club for many years.

Louise is survived by her brother, Edward Hering, of Mesa, Arizona; niece, Lisa O'Shea, of Brentwood, California; cousin, Vera Mae Dukes, of Denver; and dedicated friend, Suzi Plooster, of Lafayette.

Louise's ashes will be scattered at a memorial service at her bird plot on Enchanted Mesa sometime in the spring. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Boulder Bird Club in Louise's memory or to any Boulder nature-oriented group.

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### **The Budding Bronx**

Der spring is sprung  
Der grass is riz  
I wonder where dem boidies is?

Der little boids is on the wing,  
Ain't that absoid?  
Der little wings is on de boid.

- *Anonymous*

*(Myron Plooster used to quote this to his two girls Lisa & Holly, when they were little.)*

REMINDER! April through June  
First Sunday Birding is 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

*This quarter's calendar was produced by Lonny Frye.*

## APRIL

### Sunday April 4th, 2010

#### First Sunday Birding at Walden Ponds

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Meet at the Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Wildlife Habitat at 9:00 AM for shorebirds, ducks and other waterfowl, and then we will explore the woods, meadows and creek areas for spring arrivals. Bring binoculars, scope, snack, water. Weather can be highly variable in early April, so dress accordingly. Everyone is welcome and beginners and experts alike will learn tips on identifying birds. Walden Ponds is mostly an accessible area. Leader: Joe Prentice (303-772-2051(h) or 303-473-1339(w)). He is a writer on birding for the Daily Camera.

### Sunday April 11th, 2010

#### South Mesa Trail

8:00 a.m. to ?

Leader: Paula Hansley, 720-890-2628 (cell 303-263-1714). Meet at 0800 at RTD parking lot at NORTHEAST corner of intersection of State Highways 93 and 170 (Marshall) for carpooling. 1/2 day trip. Expect to see foothills species on an easy walk through shrubby, deciduous woodland. The meeting place is now a large parking lot on the NE corner.

### Sunday April 18th, 2010

#### Dinosaur Ridge Hawk Watch joint trip with DFO

8:00 a.m. to Noon?

Meet at the parking lot just south of the freeway(I-70) ramps going south towards Morrison at 8:00 AM. There is a steep walk up to the ridge top. Bring binocs and scopes, snack, water and clothing for the weather. This trip is led by experienced hawk observer, Tim Smart (303-439-9627). If the weather cooperates, a great many raptors can be seen here in migration.

### Sunday April 25th, 2010

#### Prospect Park and Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

7:30 a.m. to Noon

Meet at 7:30 at the Northwest corner of the parking lot at the East Boulder Rec Center and carpool to Prospect Park. After searching the lake and surrounding areas, we will amble along Clear Creek and look for returning warblers and other early migrants. Led by Jim Fischer, who has a very good ear for identifying birds by sound and lives nearby and knows where to look at this park. Call trip leader Jim Fischer (303-940-3677) or email at jayzezed@hotmail.com

## MAY

### Sunday May 2nd, 2010

#### First Sunday Birding at Walden Ponds

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meet at the Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Ponds at 8 AM to look over the pond for waterfowl and then off to the trails to seek new arrivals and migrants. Spring will have arrived and the birds will be singing for us! Everyone is welcome and we will all learn something new. Bring binocs, appropriate clothing and shoes for the weather, water, snack. Walden Ponds is a mostly accessible area. Leaders Gary Baxley and Sharon Norfleet, 303-666-5894

### Saturday May 8th, 2010

#### International Migratory Bird Day at Walden Ponds Various Times, From Dawn on

The Wild Bird Center, Boulder Bird Club, and Boulder County Audubon will be hosting International Migratory Bird Day at Walden Ponds on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This year's theme is "Power of Partnerships." There will be information

on the conservation of wild birds as well as a Dawn Chorus Walk, A Big Sit, and other walks. The dawn chorus will begin at 5:30AM and the general events are scheduled from 7:30AM 'til 11:00AM. More details on this event will be posted as they come available at <http://wildbird.com/stores/bld/birdwalks> Or people may call (303) 442-1322 for details. Note: Please carpool to Walden Ponds as there is limited parking. Illegally parked cars may be ticketed.

### Sunday May 16th, 2010

#### Chico Basin with Joyce Takamine and Bill Maynard 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. An all day event.

A Full-Day Trip with Joyce Takamine and the editor of Winging It, Bill Maynard. Chico Basin is one of the best spots in the state for migrating birds and this will be our third trip there for the Boulder Bird Club. We will be looking for warblers and passerines taking some rest before heading North and East. For the last few years, Chico Basin has had excellent numbers of unusual birds reported. We will also check out local water holes and lakes for activity. We will carpool from East Boulder Rec Center leaving at 5:30 AM sharp returning around 5:00 PM. Remember that 4 wheel drive vehicles are a must if recent rains leave roads muddy. Please bring sack lunch, protective clothing, good hiking shoes and sunscreen, and money for both carpool and the \$10.00 per person admission fee. This will be one of our most interesting trips with excellent birders for guides. There will be more specific information available about this trip later, so please contact Joyce prior to trip at jabiru55@msn.com or at 303 554-9785.

### Friday May 21st through Monday May 24th, 2010

#### Colorado Field Ornithologists Convention in Fort Collins

Please see link for more info:

[http://cfo-link.org/downloads/cfoconvention2010\\_web.pdf](http://cfo-link.org/downloads/cfoconvention2010_web.pdf)

and for CFO activities and information:

<http://cfo-link.org/>

### Saturday May 29th 2010

#### Eldorado Canyon Area with Christian Nunes

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

An interesting and beautiful hike through moderately steep terrain above the town of Eldorado Springs looking for nesting birds and perhaps some rarities. Vireos, Warblers and Woodpeckers will be identified as usual, but Christian hopes to find Hooded Warbler, Lewis Woodpecker, Rose Breasted Grosbeak and other less common birds as well. We will meet up at Dowdy Draw Parking on highway 170 (Eldorado Springs Drive) lot at 7 AM to consolidate vehicles for the limited parking at the trailhead. Christian Nunes is a Boulder Open Space Wildlife Technician and expert birder and this area is where he gets to spend much of his time. Leader Christian Nunes(401-787-0194) or pajaroboy@hotmail.com

## JUNE

### Sunday June 6th, 2010

#### First Sunday Birding at Walden Ponds

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Ponds at 8 AM and walk the complex until 11 AM. Peter Plage (peter.plage@gmail.com ) will be our experienced host this morning. The ponds should be loaded with birds and likely will contain the highest number of species for the year. Please bring the usual sun and weather protection, bug dope, binocs, etc. Walden Ponds is a mostly accessible area.

### Saturday June 12th, 2010

#### Roll and Stroll at Boulder Valley Ranch

8:30 to Noon

Join The Boulder County Audubon Society and OSMP on a bird-watching field trip at Boulder Valley Ranch open space. Knowledgeable Audubon birders team up with Topher Downham, an OSMP specialist, to provide this fun bird-watching experience in a variety of habitats, for people who use walkers, wheelchairs, canes, or just regular legs. Bring hats, sunscreen, water, assistance if necessary, and binoculars if you have them, though some will be available to share.

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Extra wheelchairs available for assistance or just to experience. Contact Mary Balzer for more info: marybalzer@qwest.net. Meet at Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead parking lot at 8:30 am.

### **Sunday June 13th, 2010**

#### **Birding Lyons Habitats**

**8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Meet at the Lyons Park'n'Ride (4th and Main) at 8:30 and we will bird Old South Rd for breeding Canyon Wren, Cordilleran Flycatcher, White-throated Swift, etc. Davis will be ably assisted by Joel and Marcel Such, two fine young birders recognized by the ABA for their skills (see interview in Summer 2009 newsletter). All are welcome and we encourage young people to enjoy birding. Then head up to the Davis porch for sack lunch and observation of his 3 dozen nesting boxes and feeders. We can help him inventory where the bluebirds, wrens, swallows, woodpeckers, and others are nesting. Be done by 1:30 or so. Bring your lunch and water and be prepared for an easy walk and a nice morning with some great birders. Davis at 303 823 5332 or davis@greenspeedisp.net

### **Sunday June 20th 2010**

#### **Cal-Wood with Jan Chu**

**8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Blue Butterflies Azures and Silvery Blues fly at the Cal-Wood Education Center, Jamestown. Spring moisture will bring the blossoms and insects, plenty to eat for the bluebirds. We are having this enjoyable bird walk somewhat later to take advantage of the plethora of butterflies in early summer. Of course, bird - watching will be equally encouraged as we hike down towards the cool stream. Bring a butterfly guide if you have one, binoculars, sun and rain protection, lunch and water. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Safeway Store, north parking lot Iris and 28th Street to carpool. The drive is about 50 minutes each way. Cal-Wood is a 1,000 acre montane meadow and ponderosa pine forest which is preserved with a Conservation Easement, so it is isolated, unique and protected. Young people are welcome. Leave Cal-Wood, by 1:00 PM. Leader: Jan Chu, 303-494-1108 or email at chuhouse@hotmail.com

### **Saturday June 26th 2010**

#### **Early Morning Bird Songs with Ted Floyd**

**3:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.**

Yes, you read that correctly, **3:30 AM** meet up in Rabbit Mountain Open Space parking lot off of North 53 St north of Highway 66. Join Ted Floyd for a special birding trip to listen for birds before sunrise. We will start **PROMPTLY** at 3:30 a.m. Please arrive a few minutes early, as we will not wait for late arrivals. We will walk 2-4 miles along well-graded, level road edges. The area has rattlesnakes. It will be dark. **NO FLASHLIGHTS OR OTHER LIGHTING.** This restriction will be strictly obeyed. No cell phones. This outing has a strict limit of 10 people. Please contact Ted Floyd (e-mail only; [tfloyd@aba.org](mailto:tfloyd@aba.org)) to participate. Please indicate "RABBIT MOUNTAIN BIRDING TRIP" (all caps) in your subject line; otherwise, your message will go to junk-mail and never get read. Sponsored by American Birding Association.

### **Saturday June 26th 2010**

#### **Annual BBC Picnic atop Flagstaff Mountain**

**8:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Julie Hammarstrom will again host this special summer birdwalk and get together at her home at the top of Flagstaff Mountain. A great time to meet and visit with other members. Nesting birds, flycatchers, bluebirds, hummers, chickadees, maybe turkeys and more. Bring your own picnic lunch. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center, West end of parking lot at 8 AM sharp to carpool to Julie's. Those with walking impairment will enjoy birding around the house and picnic area. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Return around 1- 1:30. Leader: Jim Eide, 303-443-6236.

### **Saturday, July 3 to Monday, July 5**

#### **North Park – Joint Trip With DFO**

Meet at Safeway parking lot on east side of U.S. 40 in Fraser at 9:00AM on Saturday morning. (Fraser is a 2- hour drive from Boulder.) Make reservations for Saturday & Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, (970-723-4271), or the Chedsey Motel (970) 723-8201. A State Parks Pass and (if <65 Yrs.) a Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp are required. Call leader if going and to arrange carpooling. Bring water, snacks, lunches, insect repellent and clothing for variable weather. Leader: Chuck Lowrie, (303) 455-8417.

Paula Hansley is to lead a trip on July 3rd to Golden Gate Park: details in the Summer schedule or redstart.paula@gmail.com.

### **BBC Wednesday Roadrunners Spring 2010**

#### **7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**

Meet at East Boulder Recreation Center parking lot. Depart 7:30 a.m. sharp. Carpool to a local area for early morning birding. Riders reimburse driving expenses. Bring binoculars, spotting scope, camera, bird-book, etc. Meet for coffee afterwards.



#### **May**

5/5, Leader **Joyce Takamine** (303-554-9785)

After this first field trip, members are invited to a **Beginning of Season Potluck** hosted by Ann Tagawa and Jim Guerin at 2210 Mariposa Ave, Boulder (S of Baseline & W of Broadway)

Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided.

5/12, Leader **Joe Krieg** (303-651-0565)

5/19, Leader **Jim Eide** (303-443-6236)

5/26, Leader **Chuck Lowrie** (303-455-8417)

#### **June**

6/2, Leader **Sharon Norfleet** (303-666-5894)

6/9, Leader **Diane Carter** (303-427-3371)

6/16, Leader **Sandy Arnesen** (303-465-3353)

6/23, Leaders **Ann Tagawa & Jim Guerin** (303-443-8303)

6/30, Leader **Martin Gerra** (303-444-7333)



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