



## Portneuf Valley Audubon Society News

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### **March 15, Thursday, Monthly Meeting Curlew Study Spanning Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming**

**Jay Carlisle from the Intermountain Bird  
Observatory**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: Marshall Public Library  
Community Room.**

Jay Carlisle is the Research Director of the Intermountain Bird Observatory and Research Associate Faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences at Boise State.

He has worked with the Intermountain Bird Observatory since 1996 and, though he came to IBO primarily as a raptor enthusiast, his interests soon turned to all birds. Thus, he spent one year as a hawk counter before helping establish IBO's long-term studies of songbird and small forest owl migration in southwestern Idaho.

After completing his doctoral research on the stopover ecology of songbirds, Jay returned to Idaho to continue working with IBO as the Research Director.

Since 2005, he has led the growth of IBO's research and monitoring efforts to include studies of stopover ecology at Camas National Wildlife Refuge; various "at risk" species such as Burrowing and Flammulated Owls, Golden Eagle, Long-billed Curlew, Northern Goshawk, White-faced Ibis, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo; and 'all-bird' point-count surveys across most of Idaho.

### **March 17, Saturday, Field Trip**

**Another Great American Falls  
Reservoir Birding Bonanza  
to Search for Great Birds**

**To Carpool for this half day run:**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the lower ISU Campus parking lot by the Bison Sculpture behind the Idaho Museum of Natural History Building (5th and Dillon).

Idaho State University Emeritus Professor of Ornithology Chuck Trost will lead trip to spot various waterfowl, raptors and other species. There could still be some large flocks of snow geese around.

Participants should be home by around noon.



## **Hagerman Valley Bird Festival is Back** **Originally scheduled in February, the Hagerman Valley Bird Festival has been rescheduled for April 20-22**

For more information call 208-352-3175 or email [HagermanBirdFestival@gmail.com](mailto:HagermanBirdFestival@gmail.com).

Located on the Pacific Flyway, Hagerman Valley's riparian habitat along the Snake River hosts a variety of neotropical migrants during the spring and summer months. It is possible to see as many as 100 bird species during the 3-day Festival.

Registration is now open, but tickets are limited. Sign up now before the field trips you want are sold out. Tickets for the packed weekend Festival are \$99 and include the Saturday evening catered dinner, and the renowned keynote speaker and bird sound expert Nathan Pieplow. His book is Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds.

Tickets for the dinner and keynote speech only are \$50. Tickets for Thousands Springs Catamaran Snake River Bird Tours are \$40, and optional Billingsly Creek motorized tour below the Lower Salmon Dam are \$20.

## **President's Letter from the Portneuf Valley Audubon Society President Barb North**

Sharing your passion for birds and nature with children creates conversation, understanding, activity, and connection. It is a gift that sustains this love into the next generations.

We so desperately need this love in our world. There are plenty of people without strong connection to the outdoors.

The joy and wonder of discovering how our world works empowers young minds. Stepping outside of oneself is liberating; observing alternate pathways to overcome difficulties can create new viewpoints of old situations.

Share your passion, with people around you, but particularly with young people. It will make a difference in their lives and it definitely will make a big difference in our world.

Encouraging love of the natural world is vital to survival of that we hold dear and essential.

Go, be ambassadors. Share your stories.

## **In Memory of Priscilla Hearst**

Priscilla was a remarkable woman. During her 91 years she was active as a mother of four and of many 'adopted' children and adults, as a social worker, in 4-H, and as Portneuf Valley Audubon Society president and board member. On Saturday, March 10, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., at 1230 College Road, the Hearst family invites Priscilla's many friends to join them in an open-house celebration at of a life well lived in service to community, friends, and family.

Come and share your stories and memories.

## **Film Showings by the Citizens Climate Lobby and Other sponsors**

### **"Saving Snow," March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Marshal Public Library Community Room**

Here in Idaho we depend on winter for much of our livelihoods. This film addresses how folks are feeling the heat both personally and financially. Some communities are setting their own course for a clean and independent energy future.

Sponsored by ISU Students for Progress and Citizens Climate Lobby of Pocatello. For more information contact Paul Hancock at: (208) 244-1483, [PocatelloPaul177@gmail.com](mailto:PocatelloPaul177@gmail.com).

### **"The Burden," April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Marshal Public Library Community Room.**

This is award winning film tells the military's story of the greatest long-term national security threat confronting the U.S.

This film is the centerpiece on how we can strengthen our military while harnessing the power of American innovation toward a more secure energy independent future. In the words of General James Mattis, the troops are crying out "to unleash us from the tether of fuel."

Sponsored by ISU Students for Progress and Citizens Climate Lobby of Pocatello. Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments, film starts at 7 p.m., discussion to follow. For more information contact Jenny Peek at (219) 743-8707 or [jpeek64@gmail.com](mailto:jpeek64@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our chapter wishes to thank the people who joined or renewed during December. **National renewal or new national membership includes membership in the Portneuf Valley Audubon Society.**

Our chapter welcomes the support of:

### Renewed and new members:

Lance Perkins  
Debbie Hicks  
Nancy Lee Hendricks  
Sylvia Watts  
Muriel Roberts  
Pam Kessler  
Melinda Peterson  
Elmer Smith  
Jeany Ripley  
Frank Young  
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## National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds effort

What can you do to participate in National Audubon Society's Year of the Bird this month? Plant bird-friendly plants!

Birds often rely on plants in our yards, balconies, and other spaces for habitat and food and the best plants to provide this are those native to your area.

To know the best plants for your area, search Audubon's native plants database at [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants) search Audubon's native plants database and enter your zip code. You can even search based on the birds you want to attract and the type of plants you want in your garden.

By growing the best bird-friendly plants for your area, you will attract and protect the birds you love while making your space beautiful, easy to care for, and better for the environment—and this month is the perfect time to get started. Learn more and find your plants at this website:

[www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds](http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds).



**New or Renewing National Audubon Member:** mail form and your \$20.00 check directly to the New York address. This includes membership in PVAS.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.**

**Attn: Chance Mueleck  
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225 Varick Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10014**

**PVAS CHAPTER LOCAL MEMBERSHIP ONLY, \$15.00 for one year. Make your check payable to the Portneuf Valley Audubon Society.**

**Mail form and your check to Frank Renn, Membership Chair, PO Box 32, Pocatello, ID 83204-0032**

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