

# THE PELICAN

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## Birds 'n Bites



The *Birds 'n Bites* program is a monthly gathering (January to May and September to November) that offers informative and entertaining content for the bird enthusiast. Programs are free and open to the public.

Due to COVID-19, all *Birds 'n Bites* programs are being held via videoconferencing until further notice.

### Tuesday, January 18—7:00–8:30 PM *Birds 'n Bites: Owls of Yellowstone*

Please join us via Zoom on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM for a presentation by Katy Duffy about the *Owls of Yellowstone*.



During this presentation, we learn about owls and their habitat preferences in the [Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem](#). Duffy discusses the owls found in [Yellowstone National Park](#) and plays the

vocalizations of male owls as they advertise for mates in the winter and spring.

Katy Duffy has studied owls since 1979. She has a master bird banding permit and has banded nearly 5,000 owls, mostly during fall migration in Cape May, New Jersey, but also in Wyoming and Montana. For the past 24 years she has conducted surveys for vocalizing owl species during late winter and spring in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks as well as the [Gallatin National Forest](#).

Duffy has an MS in ecology from Rutgers University and worked for the National Park Service in Yellowstone and [Grand Teton National Parks](#) for 32 years. She continues to volunteer hundreds of hours each year for Yellowstone's bird program.

**Zoom link for programs:** Watch for an email from Heather Dove containing the zoom link a week before the presentation and then also the day of the presentation, or email Heather at [president@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org](mailto:president@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org)

### Tuesday, February 15—7:00–8:30 PM *Birds 'n Bites: Utah's 18 Bat Species*

Please join us via Zoom on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 PM for a presentation by Terri Pope and Kody Wallace. This talk focuses on Utah's 18 fascinating bat species: where they live, their favorite foods, various hunting styles, and how they spend their year. Learn who flies the fastest, who feasts on moths, and who prefers to hunt scorpions. The presentation highlights a few of the programs that help us learn more about Utah's bats. The talk concludes with conservation success stories to save and preserve special bat habitats in Utah.

Terri Pope has worked as a biologist for the [Utah Division of Wildlife Resources](#) since 2012. She is currently the Wildlife Conservation Biologist in the Central Region, working with birds and mammals of conservation concern. Terri earned her master's degree from Northern Arizona University and her PhD from Texas A&M University. Her research focused on how differences in habitat conditions affect avian behavior.

Kody Wallace, a retired kindergarten teacher, has been obsessed with bats since childhood on her family tree farm in Ohio. In 1984, she attended her first bat workshop, held in Portal, Arizona, taught by Merlin Tuttle and Janet Tyburec of [Bat Conservation International](#). Since then, Wallace has spent her time working for bat conservation, designing educational materials, conducting acoustical monitoring, and volunteering at many an informational Bat & Bug night.

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## GREAT SALT LAKE AUDUBON MISSION

Great Salt Lake Audubon is dedicated to protecting and enhancing habitat for wild birds, animals, and plants and to maintaining healthy and diverse environments for wildlife and people throughout the state.

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### AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Local:** GSLA chapter-only membership is \$30 a year. Local membership is important as GSLA is primarily self-supporting. Join on the website or use the form found on page 8 of this issue of *The Pelican*.  
**National:** To join the National Audubon Society (NAS), use the link on page 8. The NAS website details the benefits of national membership. You will receive a subscription to the Audubon magazine and a one-year courtesy subscription to our newsletter, *The Pelican*.  
**Both:** You may join both GSLA and NAS if you wish to support both local and national activities.

## Board Highlights—November-December

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

During the short days and long nights of winter, the GSLA Board has undergone many changes. We bid farewell to long time Field Trip Coordinator, Ian Batterman. Ian has done an amazing job organizing trips for over four years. His knowledge and identification skills have been a benefit to everyone who has attended his field trips. He also has done several Birds 'n Bites programs that have educated and amused attendees. He will continue to coordinate the annual Salt Lake City Christmas Bird Count for us, so he continues that role. Thanks Ian!

I am excited to announce several new Board members. First, long-time member John Middleton has agreed to take on the Field Trip Coordinator position. Many of you know John and have benefited from his expertise on bird identification. He has taught University level classes on bird behavior, ecology, conservation, and other subjects. Second, Lianna Lopez has joined the Board as Education Chair. Lianna has 16 years of classroom experience and is a self-described 'HUGE bird nerd.' She is passionate about birds and environmental education. Finally, Erica Marken has joined the Board as the Programs Chair. Erica has experience managing volunteers in the higher education sector. Fun fact—she is a Volunteer Interpretive Ranger on Antelope Island. Welcome all to our Board.

In other news, Jeanne Le Ber organized a successful bird seed event. Thanks to all who participated and contributed. We distributed 200 bags of seed at a *can't-beat-it-price*. Much thanks to Kelli Frame of Wild Birds Unlimited for providing us such a wonderful product.

Cheers all! Bundle up and get out in the cold to bird!

## From the Editor

Dear Reader,

Happy New Year! Wishing you lots of good birds as you start your 2022 Utah year list. Enjoy a plethora of outdoor birding adventures as you embrace 2022.

You are invited to participate in one of our many field trips focused on birds. Our newly installed field trip coordinator John Middleton is off to a good start with over a dozen options for a variety of birding experiences. Novice birders join us to sharpen your identification skills.

If all goes well, GSLA plans to offer the ever-popular Basin & Range weekend seminar at Wasatch Mountain State Park, June 3–5. Put it on your calendar now!

If you have contributions to, or questions, concerns, or suggestions about the newsletter, contact me at [newsletter@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org).

Enjoy the read.  
*Jeanne*

## Olive the Chestnut-sided Warbler

by M. H. Roberts

Over the weekend of November 20-21, I saw an unusual, chickadee-sized bird on my deck nibbling at suet crumbs that had fallen from the feeder.

This bird had the most exquisite olive color, an eye ring, wing bars and a tail that was cocked like a wren's. I was able to photograph the bird on both days, shooting through my sliding glass door. My guess was a female Ruby-crowned Kinglet, but that identification didn't seem quite right. Since I wasn't sure of this bird's identity, I emailed photos to my birding friends Jeanne Le Ber and Ray Smith.

Jeanne and Ray thought she was potentially an immature [Chestnut-sided Warbler](#) (CSWA). Jeanne forwarded my photos to Ian Batterman and Bryant Olsen, more experienced and expert birders, for confirmation. As an eastern birder, Ian recognized the CSWA right away having seen it many times, and Bryant identified the bird but had never seen one. This bird would be a lifer for him. So, there was unanimous agreement, my special visitor was a Chestnut-sided Warbler. Since the male and female one-year old CSWA's look identical, I do not know if the gender was officially ascertained.

To say I was surprised is an understatement. After a few birders visited my yard and verified the identity of the CSWA, word was out. Since the breeding and migratory range of this bird is nowhere near Utah, this discovery was even more amazing.

I named her Olive and am happy to say that many birders (40+) visited the area and most went away thrilled to add a *life bird* or *Utah state bird* to their birding list.



*Olive the Chestnut-sided Warbler, a rare visitor to Utah*  
Photos by M.H. Roberts ©

Olive was seen flitting about on the tops of scrub oak trees, gleaning insects, resting on a fence, eating suet from the deck feeder, taking a bath in the fountain, and enjoying Niger seeds. She can be solitary or hang out with Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, Lesser Goldfinch, etc. Since she is an immature bird, she does not look at all like the adults and does not have any sign of *chestnut on her sides*.

Olive is a rather perky, enchanting warbler and she has been around for 17-plus days. I have photographed her many times and enjoyed observing her. As of this writing our first winter snow storm has arrived on Salt Lake City's east bench, and I hope to spot Olive continuing to enjoy my suet. Then again, she may fly away to seek other adventures due to the weather. Time will tell.

I appreciated the information I received from birders and enjoyed meeting so many birders who showed such an interest in Olive.

A special thank you to Jeanne, Ray, Ian, and Bryant for identifying her.

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## Project FeederWatch at the JRNC

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

[Project FeederWatch](#) is a winter bird survey conducted from November to April by community members. Sponsored by [Birds Canada](#) and the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#), Project FeederWatch currently has over 20,000 people participating in this effort to document North American winter bird populations.

What you might not know about Project FeederWatch is that you don't need a bird feeder on your property to participate. You can count birds in local parks, empty lots, cemeteries, nature centers, school yards, etc.

Ray and I live in a condo in downtown Salt Lake City. Condo rules do not allow us to feed birds from our balcony. Not to be deterred, we decided to participate by counting birds at the [Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center](#). Since Ray and I regularly fill their feeders we devote one day per week to taking an extra hour or two

to count the birds. The Nature Center feeders include a thistle sock, a hopper and platform sunflower seed feeder, and suet feeder. Lots of finches and doves visit.

Recently, we observed an adult Cooper's Hawk sweep in for a meal at the feeder. He missed and flew off *empty taloned!* Great drama. Stop by the Jordan River Nature Center for close looks at the feeding birds.

Contributing data to Project FeederWatch provides a population map of wintering birds.



To learn more about [Project FeederWatch](#) and how to participate visit their website.

*Cooper's Hawk*  
Photo by Jeanne Le Ber ©



## Calendar of Field Trips & Events for January-February 2022

GSLA: 385.313.0608; Website: <http://greatsaltlakeaudubon.org>



**Accessibility codes:** B-benches available; E-easy; L-level trail; M-moderately level trail; P-paved trail; P/U-paved-unpaved combination; R-restroom available; U-unpaved

### Sunday, January 9—8:30–11:00 AM

Redwood Trailhead Park at 2320 South 1100 West—E L P

**Leader:** Cooper Farr—785.764.9592

**Email:** [cooperf@tracyaviary.org](mailto:cooperf@tracyaviary.org)

Join Cooper Farr, Director of Conservation at Tracy Aviary, for this field trip along the Jordan River at the Redwood Nature Area/Mill Creek Confluence. We can expect waterfowl, wintering songbirds, and raptors. Meet at 8:30 AM at the Redwood Trailhead Park. Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

### Tuesday, January 18—7:00–8:30 PM

Birds 'n Bites—*Owls of Yellowstone* via Zoom

See page 1 for details.

### Wednesday, January 19—8:30–11:00 AM

Jordan River Day-Riverside Library—B E L P/U R

**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373 (talk & text)

**Email:** [jeanne.leber@utah.edu](mailto:jeanne.leber@utah.edu)

Join us for this monthly field trip along the Jordan River. The trail is mostly paved and flat with lots of riparian habitat. Meet at the Day-Riverside Library parking lot at 8:30 AM. Contact Jeanne for details.

### Tuesday, January 25—8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Antelope Island & Farmington Bay—E L P/U R

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Email:** [bryant\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:bryant_olsen@yahoo.com)

Meet at the entrance to Antelope Island State Park at 8:00 AM. The group will bird along the causeway and on the island. The later part of the day will be spent birding at Farmington Bay. Space is limited. Contact Bryant if you plan to attend.

### Monday, January 31—8:00 AM–1:00 PM

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E R

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Email:** [bryant\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:bryant_olsen@yahoo.com)

ISSR is located on the south shore of Great Salt Lake. This normally off-limits property has an abundance of birds. Pre-registration is required. Weather may be a limiting factor. Contact Bryant if you plan to attend.

### Sunday, February 6—8:30–11:00 AM

Redwood Trailhead Park at 2320 South 1100 West—E L P

**Leader:** Cooper Farr—785.764.9592

**Email:** [cooperf@tracyaviary.org](mailto:cooperf@tracyaviary.org)

See the January 9 field trip description above.

### Tuesday, February 8—All day

Winter Raptor Tour: Box Elder County—E

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Email:** [bryant\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:bryant_olsen@yahoo.com)

View wintering raptors north and west of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Other birds may include Horned Lark, Snow Bunting, longspur, Gray Partridge, Chukar, Ring-necked Pheasant, and waterfowl, including swans. Trip subject to cancellation due to weather. Contact Bryant if you plan to attend.

### Tuesday, February 15—7:00–8:30 PM

Birds 'n Bites—*Utah's 18 Bat Species*

See page 1 for details.

### Wednesday, February 16—8:30–11:00 AM

Jordan River Day-Riverside Library—E L P/U R

**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373 (talk & text)

**Email:** [jeanne.leber@utah.edu](mailto:jeanne.leber@utah.edu)

See the January 19 field trip description above.

### February 18–21

Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a nationwide winter tradition that involves counting local birds from February 18-21. Count your backyard birds as well as birds found in area parks, ski resorts, or other suburban local hot spots. For more information and to participate see <https://www.birdcount.org/>.

### Friday & Saturday, February 18–19

Delta Snow Goose Festival

The [Utah Division of Wildlife Resources](#) hosts this annual festival at [Gunnison Bend Reservoir](#) near Delta, Utah. About 20,000 geese are in the area from mid-February to the end of the month. For details see the [Delta Area Chamber of Commerce](#) website.

### Saturday, February 19—12:30–4:30 PM

11th Annual Gullstravaganza—E M P/U R

**Leaders:** Tim Avery, Kenny Frisch, Mike Hearell, and Billy Fenimore

Meet at the [Eccles Wildlife Education Center](#) at Farmington Bay to talk about gulls, share stories, and learn the basics of gull identification. We then go into the field looking for gulls at Farmington Bay (or elsewhere depending on the gulling conditions). For more information or to sign up please visit: [utahbirders.com/gulls](http://utahbirders.com/gulls).

(Field Trips and Events continued)

**Tuesday, February 22—8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

Antelope Island Causeway & Farmington Bay—E R

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Email:** [bryant\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:bryant_olsen@yahoo.com)

See January 25 trip for more details.

**Saturday, February 26—8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

Bountiful Pond—B E L P/U R

**Leaders:** Max & Mike Malmquist—801.554.8574

**Email:** [max.malmquist@audubon.org](mailto:max.malmquist@audubon.org)

Bountiful Pond is an oasis for birds. The large pond provides a stopover area for gulls and waterfowl, and the surrounding trees and fields host songbirds, owls, and other birds with close viewing opportunities. Meet at the main parking area at 8:00 AM: 1610 West 1600 North, Woods Cross.

Contact Max if you plan to attend or need more information. See map at

<https://goo.gl/maps/2HD2LjQQqTFcV1Zn7>

**Monday, February 28—8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E R

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Email:** [bryant\\_olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:bryant_olsen@yahoo.com)

See the January 31 field trip description above.

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## Lee Creek Signage

by Georgie Corkery, GSLA Board and  
Max Malmquist, Audubon Saline Lakes Program

On September 11, 2021, we co-hosted the International Coastal Cleanup event in partnership with [Gillmor Sanctuary](#), [Saline Lakes Program Staff](#), and [FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake](#). Despite rainy weather, 107 volunteers—including many new faces—combed the shoreline and removed 1,702 pounds of trash from the south shore of Great Salt Lake (GSL). Afterwards, everyone gathered at [Great Salt Lake State Park](#) for snacks and a presentation on the rich history of Saltair by Park Director Dave Shearer.

This event was part of a broader Western Water Grant Project focused on connecting local communities to GSL, raising awareness about the importance of the Lee Creek Natural Area in the context of the broader GSL ecosystem, expanding Audubon's audience and working to restore critical bird habitat.

In addition to supporting International Coastal Cleanup Day, grant funds were used to purchase improved signage for the 305-acre Lee Creek Natural Area. It is a key site for avian biodiversity and is part of a larger complex of Great Salt Lake's wetlands, directly tied to Kennecott's Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve and the South Shore Preserve, which includes National Audubon Society's

**Wednesday, March 2—8:30–11:00 AM**

Mountain Dell Recreation Area, Parley's Canyon

B E M P/U R

**Leader:** John Middleton—801.707.9182

**Email:** [john.middleton0@gmail.com](mailto:john.middleton0@gmail.com)

Our monthly bird surveys will begin again so we invite you to join us. Even in winter, interesting birds can still be seen. We'll meet at 8:30 AM in the parking lot just west of REI on 3300 South and 3285 East for a morning of birding. Call John if you plan to attend.

**Note:** Field trips now include accessibility codes. This feature provides additional information to help you decide if the field trip works for your abilities. Let field trip coordinator John Middleton know if you experience something different and help us improve this feature.

### Accessibility Codes

B—Benches available

E—Easy

L—Level trail

M—Moderately level trail

P—Paved trail

P/U—Paved-unpaved combination

R—Restroom available

U—Unpaved trail

Gillmor Sanctuary and Mitigation Commission properties. Lee Creek, part of the Gilbert Bay Globally Important Bird Area, is a prime breeding site for Snowy Plovers and provides a multitude of habitats used by many breeding and migratory birds.

The signs, that will be in both Spanish and English, will provide visitors with information detailing the stunning landscape, history, and ecological significance of Lee Creek. The signs also help define boundaries, points of entry and outline wildlife friendly activities. To ensure their longevity, they will be made of aluminum with a protective coating.

Ella Sorensen, Heidi Hoven, and both of us (Max and Georgie) will be planning an event this coming spring to visit the Lee Creek Natural Area, have volunteers help put up the new signs and learn more about this unique and vital landscape. Stay tuned!



*Wilson's Phalarope  
feeding at the  
Great Salt Lake*

*Photo by  
Max Malmquist ©*

## Spotlight on Anne Terry

GSLA Board & Tracy Aviary Liaison



Hello! My name is Anne Terry and I have been fortunate to serve on the Great Salt Lake Audubon Board since 2015. I am the Director of Education at Tracy Aviary, and I help maintain communication between our organizations. I love that in each role, I get to support people in celebrating and growing their connection

to nature, which benefits both those individuals and the rest of the planet. I am particularly passionate about working toward more equitable access to these outdoor experiences.

Growing up on the coastal plains of Texas, I inherited my love of birds and nature from my parents. My late father, always humble, was careful to label himself an *amateur* naturalist, but everyone who knew him considered his knowledge of birds, plants, and other facets of nature encyclopedic. Mom and I learned a lot from him and still connect over birding.

I delved deeper into birding by taking a Biology of Birds course while finishing up my BS in Biology at the University of Texas at Austin. A field trip to see spring migration at High Island, Texas during that course got me hooked on warblers. I'm also enamored with pelicans, which were prominently exhibited at the front of the zoo I visited as a child, and they still blow me away every time I see them in flight.

Outside of bird-related things, I love spending time with my partner and our two dogs. Over the years I've gotten him interested in birds, so I guess our time together is often bird-related, too! (No joke--he interrupted my writing this with, *Come quick! There's a Red-tailed Hawk out front!*) It's a lifestyle!

## Remembering Keith Johnson

Long-time GSLA Member and Volunteer  
by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

Long-time Great Salt Lake Audubon member and volunteer Keith Johnson passed away on October 22, 2021. From our perspective, Keith will be especially remembered for his contributions to restoring property along the Jordan River and coordinating the annual Basin & Range weekend seminar from 1996 to 2012.

Keith joined GSLA in 1985 when intrigued by a birding group seeking to record the 100 birds common to Utah (*The One Hundred Club*, conceived by Bruce Heath.)



Keith Johnson on the trail  
Photo by family ©

Keith was one of the original members who conceived the plan for the Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve (JRMBR) in 1995. Keith managed the property from 2006 to December 2013. In addition to ongoing weeding, tree planting and irrigation, Keith oversaw the extension of Willow Creek under 106th South to bring needed water to the Reserve lands to the north. Keith was recognized for his work and received a Department of Interior Award.

Keith enjoyed planning the Basin & Range seminars. He selected interesting and varied sites for the weekend camping event. Attendees visited locations such as Tom's Creek, Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge, Oak Creek Canyon, Maple Grove, and Fish Lake National Forest. Keith selected engaging faculty who led the educational field outings covering topics such as archeology, birds (of course), botany, butterflies, geology, photography, raptor identification, reptiles, and spiders. It is a premier social and learning event looked forward to by many. Keith and his wife Joan were affable hosts, always welcoming conversation with event attendees who gathered around their Volkswagon Vanagon Westfalia. In 2010 Keith received GSLA's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Our sympathy to Keith's wife Joan and his children Eric and Amy. We will all miss Keith's leadership, warmth, love, and charm. He is now on his next great journey.

## In Memoriam

Carolyn P. Tuttle recently honored her husband **Howard Nelson Tuttle** by making a donation to Great Salt Lake Audubon. Born in 1935, Howard graduated from East High School and earned a BA and MA at the University of Utah. He devoted his life to teaching philosophy in New Mexico and Utah. He died on September 22, 2021. Carolyn and Howard loved birds and exploring the Great Salt Lake which she noted is now so drastically depleted. Carolyn's Oberlin College classmates Martha Warren (Boca Raton, FL) and Harris Wester (Montpelier, VT) made additional gifts to GSLA to recognize their friend Howard. We thank them as well and offer our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to Carolyn, family members, and friends.

## Farmington High School: Not Just for People

by Linda Johnson, GSLA Board

Adam Blundell, Science Chair for the Davis School District, is passionate about birds. That passion led to the creation of an ornithology class at Farmington High School that is now so popular, that there is a waiting list to get in. The idea of an aviary grew out of that passion and the enthusiasm of his ornithology students.

Blundell's class spent over a year planning and building the aviary. The art department participated, and a computer science student created an interactive app that tells you about the birds. The exhibits were reviewed by veterinarians, then turned over to the students for construction of the habitat and painting of the murals. There are presently three exhibits, Africa, Australia, and South America; a fourth is in the works.

The students are committed to learning about birds, interacting with birds, and caring for captive birds. They receive school credit for the class and can participate in an advanced program in avian care and aviculture. Students care for the birds, with assistance from Blundell on weekends. Advanced students rotate care during school breaks and in the summer. Students in the advanced program are required to be available during off-hours to care for the birds.

The school has tight security and the building is fully enclosed and locked down to outside visitors. The aviary has a triplicate door system. The entry is locked, and once inside there is a self-closing screen door and a magnet latched wooden door. The greatest risk of bird escapes is when a student opens a door to enter the exhibit.

Birds are obtained through partnerships with rescue facilities and donors who want the birds to have a good home. The aviary was funded by donors and sponsors and has enough funding to stay operational. Fundraising opportunities are being sought to expand habitats and exhibits, acquire more birds, and acquire raptor food.

I had the opportunity to visit the aviary and encourage anyone who is curious or in the area to check it out at 548 West Glovers Lane (just east of Farmington Bay WMA). The public is welcome but must check in at the front desk. The best time to visit is a weekday after school hours when Blundell is usually available to give a tour.



Adam Blundell at Farmington High School Aviary opening and two Scarlet Macaws in student-constructed exhibit

Photos by Linda Johnson ©

## Birds Aren't Just for Watching

by Linda Johnson, GSLA Board

They're for drawing too! Did you know that there are online classes to teach you basic to advanced techniques for drawing birds? Recently I happened upon a two-part class on drawing owls sponsored by the Richardson Bay Audubon. Although I quickly learned I'd better stick to photographing birds, I thought some of you might want to *spread your wings* and take advantage of instructor John Jack Muir Laws' drawing programs and the resources available on Laws' website.



Great Horned Owl drawing and photo by John Muir Law ©

The owl-drawing classes are recorded and available [online](#) and they link to some of Jack Laws' videos. On his website, you'll find his blog with links to resources and the *How to Draw* section. There is a section on nature journaling and one especially for teachers. If that's not enough to occupy you for the winter, check out the

*Wild Wonder Nature Journaling Conference* in the events section.

## Save the Date for Basin & Range 2022

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

Great Salt Lake Audubon's Basin & Range weekend seminar is scheduled for the weekend of **June 3-5, 2022** at **Wasatch Mountain State Park**. The Miner's Retreat and Springer Hollow group sites have been reserved. Put the date on your calendar now. Event details will be published in the May-June *Pelican*. (*Third time's a charm!*)

## Marcelle Speaks for the Great Salt Lake

On November 4, 2021 Marcelle Shoop, Audubon's Saline Lakes Program Director, submitted testimony to the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. Marcelle testified in support of the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021.

Utah's Great Salt Lake, along with the other western saline lakes, are at risk due to drought and climate change. Action must be taken to establish a regional program to assess, monitor and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats.

Comment now to support our Great Salt Lake. See <https://tinyurl.com/2p8k2ykf>



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*(National Membership)*

*Online Membership Form Only*

Go to the following website to join and pay National Audubon Society dues.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8baknnpn>

By using this special webpage to join, you will also give the Great Salt Lake Audubon chapter a small monetary credit.

<https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/DH8fxTkoCOqHjXF9fZCtRw2>

Membership Form

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