

THE PELICAN

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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 and resume in September.

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

Tuesday, September 20—7:00-8:30 PM Birds 'n Bites: The Impact of the Oil and Gas Industry on Birds

Please join us on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation via Zoom by Fidel Atuo, PhD. Dr. Atuo is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, & Board member for *HawkWatch International*.

Dr. Atuo is a wildlife ecologist interested in the conservation of globally rare and threatened species. Since 2011, his research interest has focused on understanding how human-related alterations to landscape structure affect community interactions and species survival. Habitat degradation and loss is considered the most pervasive driver of biodiversity decline in the world today. His PhD research examined the role of habitat structure on prey vulnerability, species interactions, and coexistence in grassland ecosystems.



Dr. Fidel Atuo in the field. Photo by Dr. Atuo ©

Tuesday, October 18—7:00-8:30 PM Birds 'n Bites: Protection and Preservation of the Wild Buffalo

Please join us on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation via Zoom by Jackson Dovel, Volunteer Coordinator for Buffalo Field Campaign.

Buffalo Field Campaign is the only group working both in the field and in the policy arenas to stop the harassment and slaughter of America's last wild bison. Their goal is to create permanent year-round protection for bison and the ecosystem they depend on—including respect for



the migratory needs of this long-exploited and clearly endangered species.

Jackson received a BS in Biology at Bowling Green State University with a minor in Paleontology. Since joining BFC, Jackson has worked in the

field, documenting the migration of Yellowstone bison, aiding their highway passages, and training volunteers.

Fall Forum Scheduled for November 2

Join us on November 2 from 7:00–8:30 PM via Zoom for the Fall Forum. Author *Jonathan Meiburg* will talk about *The Galapagos, Darwin and the Remarkable Caracaras*. In 1997, Jonathan received a *Thomas J. Watson Fellowship* to travel to remote communities around the world, a year-long journey that sparked his enduring fascination with islands, birds, and the deep history of the living world. Since then, he has written reviews, features, and interviews for print and online publications on subjects ranging from a hidden exhibit hall at the American Museum of Natural History to the last long-form interview with author Peter Matthiessen. He is best known as the lead singer and songwriter for Shearwater.

Fall Forum is co-sponsored with *Westminster College*.

Erica Marken invites you to a Zoom book club discussion of Meiburg's birds of prey book titled *A Most Remarkable Creature* on **Wednesday, October 26** from **6:30–7:30 PM**. Details will be shared via the GSLA email list.

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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—July-August

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer, and you are ready for some cooler weather and longer nights. Soon we will say goodbye to the summer neotropical migrants and enjoy our local resident birds.

There is a lot to look forward to this fall including the resumption of our Birds 'n Bites programs in September. Erica Marken has organized some fantastic speakers so make sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Also, our Fall Forum returns in a virtual format on Wednesday, November 2, when we welcome Jonathan Meiburg, author of *A Most Remarkable Creature: The Hidden Life and Epic Journey of the World's Smartest Bird of Prey*. Join us for an enjoyable program.

GSLA has been busy planning fall and winter field trips and events, and making sure all the information you need is readily available on our website. Kudos to Micah Schow for making great strides improving the website. In addition, we are moving to a new office in Sugarhouse. For those of you who volunteer in the office, we think you will be pleased with the new space.

In other news, Jacqueline Sundstrandt, a new volunteer, is heading up our Dark Skies initiative. Jacqueline has wonderful ideas and has taken steps to create a program to educate the public. Stay tuned for more information.

Our annual sunflower seed fundraiser is scheduled for fall. We partner with Wild Birds Unlimited to provide high quality seed at a great price! See page 5 for [order form](#).

Thank you for all you do to stay informed and help protect our treasured Great Salt Lake and the birds and wildlife that depend on it.

From the Editor

Dear Reader,

We have almost made it through the hottest and driest time of the year. As fall approaches, outdoor activities resume with cooler temperatures. Take a look at the plethora of field trips offered on pages 4 and 5. We are pleased to have exceptional field trip leaders and a variety of bird habitats to explore. If you have children or grandchildren, consider joining the Fledgling Club that meets the third Saturday of each month. See page 3.

If you need sunflower seed for your birds this fall and winter, support GSLA with a donation that helps us and the birds. See page 5 or go online to order.

If you have contributions to, or questions, concerns, or suggestions about the newsletter, contact me at newsletter@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org.

Jeanne

GSLA Fledglings Club

by Lianna Lopez, GSLA Board

Please join us for the Great Salt Lake Audubon Fledglings Club, which is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17** from 9:30–11:30 AM! Meet in the Tracy Aviary parking lot in Liberty Park. At this meet-up we celebrate vultures in honor of *International Vulture Awareness Day* (September 3) and learn about fall migration. RSVP by Friday, September 16, so we can plan for attendees.

In October, the GSLA Fledglings Club meets at the Jordan River Nature Center on **Saturday, October 15**, from 9:30–11:30 AM. At this meet-up we learn about owls and how we can protect our dark skies. Please RSVP by Friday, October 14, so we can plan for attendee numbers.

As a reminder, although children of all ages are welcome, most activities and information is geared for children 4–8 years of age. Parents/guardians are required to remain within eyesight of their children at all times during our club meetings. Face coverings (e.g., mask, scarf, gaiter, bandana) are encouraged when we are in close proximity to each other.

For more information check out the *Events* tab on our *GSLA website* If you have questions, reach out

to Education Chair, Lianna Lopez, at education@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org.

GSLA Education Committee is looking for volunteers!

Calling all retired teachers, bird-loving caregivers, folks who have a knack for working with children, or anyone who would be interested in helping out with our Fledglings Club meet-ups, kid-friendly tabling events, USARA Family Fun Nights and more! Please contact Lianna Lopez (Education Chair) at education@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org if you are interested in volunteering. We appreciate your support. Thank you!

Visit our [Facebook](#) group page and [Instagram](#) for more information about club meet-ups. Hope to see you there!



Visit the Great Salt Lake Audubon Fledglings Club website to learn more about getting children involved in watching birds. Topics include attracting birds, pollination, birds in winter, exploring nature, and bird ID for kids.

See <https://greatsaltlakeaudubon.org/resources/gsla-fledglings-club>.

Photo by Amanda Kay ©

Meeting the Wren

by Margaret Pettis

When the pandemic reached our shores, I adopted 'isolation within isolation,' exploring by kayak the Bear River as it snakes through Utah. It was there I met the wren.

The unbridled, joyful song of a Canyon Wren drew me into a shady grotto below the high cliff walls of the river stalled behind Cutler Dam. I scanned the lofty recesses. My boat bobbed in the green shallows. The magical, full-throated waterfall of notes of the four-inch bird resounded through the stone chimney we shared. I lowered my Nikon and closed my eyes. Her voice was enough.

The next day, I floated along the watery maze of the Logan River as it collects in the broad marshes of Cache Valley. Spotting a nest the size of an eggplant, cinched to half a dozen reeds, I paddled closer to inspect the impressive, elaborate weaving of strands, stems, and feathers securing the nest from wind, rain, and predators.

Suddenly I was not alone. Hopping from one swaying reed to the next, a Marsh Wren buzzed and trilled at my intrusion. His light eyebrow a helpful marker for a struggling birder like me, his tail skyward, beak wide in hissing chatter, toes clutching parallel slender reeds, the

territorial terror descended into the thick basal leaves, chattering to drive the monster away.

Pulling free from the muck, I retreated, smiling at his pluck. Newly aware of the buzz of wrens, I counted four additional nests tightly stitched into the parapet of waterside reeds.

The secrets of the natural world have always sustained me. Intricacies of feather and song and animal survival, including our own, bear more importance, wonder, and fragility every day.



Marsh Wren and Marsh Wren Nest.
Drawings by Margaret Pettis ©



Calendar of Field Trips & Events for September-October 2022

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



GSLA field trips are conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation between leaders and participants. Participation in any field trip is at the discretion of the leader. **NOTE:** Field trips may be re-scheduled or canceled, due to COVID, weather, or other factors. Contact the leader to determine if trip is a go.

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

Saturday, September 3—7:30 AM—Noon

Random Rarity Search—E M

Leader: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805

Email: imbatterman@gmail.com

Search for rare birds seen within 50 miles of Salt Lake City. Meet on the north side of the At Home parking lot on 9000 South in Sandy at 7:30 AM. Group will decide what bird(s) to pursue. Contact Ian for details.

Wednesday, September 7—7:30 AM—Noon

Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—B M P/U

Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182

Email: john.middleton0@gmail.com

Join us to bird this mostly riparian area. Meet at 7:30 AM in the parking lot just west of REI on 3300 South and 3285 East. Contact John for details.

Saturday, September 10—7:30—11:00 AM

Salt Lake International Center—E M P/U

Leader: Max Malmquist, 801.554.8574

Email: max.malmquist@audubon.org

Visit this migrant trap to search for rare fall vagrants. Meet at the south end of Charles Lindbergh Drive where it crosses West Douglas Corrigan Way. See map at <https://tinyurl.com/2ny9jsjv>. Contact Max.

Saturday, September 17—7:30—11:00 AM

Jordan River, Arrowhead Park, Murray—B E L P/U R

Leader: Linda Johnson—801.865.2700

Email: mnczech@gmail.com

Bird this section of the Jordan River in Murray. Flat, mostly unpaved trail features riparian and wooded habitat. Meet at Arrowhead Park at 593 West 4800 South. Contact Linda if you plan to attend.

Saturday, September 17—9:30—11:30 AM

GSLA Fledglings Club—Liberty Park-Tracy Aviary Lot

Contact Lianna Lopez; see page 3 for details.

Saturday, September 17—9:00 AM—Noon

International Coastal Cleanup Day—GSL State Park

See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, September 20—7:00—8:30 PM

Birds 'n Bites: The Impact of the Oil and Gas Industry on Birds. See page 1 for details.

Wednesday, September 21—7:30—11:00 AM

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

Leader: Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu

Bird the Jordan River starting at the Day-Riverside Library and walking north. The trail is mostly paved. Meet in the library parking lot at 1575 West 1000 North. Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

Sunday, September 25—7:30—10:30 AM

Big Cottonwood Regional Park—E

Leader: Cooper Farr—785.764.9592

Email: cooperf@tracyaviary.org

Bird this flat, mostly unpaved series of trails going through open woodland habitat, and visit the small wetland in the park. Meet in the parking lot at 4650 South 1590 East, Millcreek. Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

Monday, September 26—7:30 AM—1:00 PM

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

Leader: Bryant Olsen

Email: bryant_olsen@yahoo.com

Meet at the entrance to Antelope Island State Park at 7:30 AM. Bird along the causeway and Antelope Island. Later part of the day is spent at Farmington Bay. Email Bryant if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, September 27—7:30 AM—1:00 PM

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E

Leader: Bryant Olsen

Email: 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. Email Bryant if you plan to attend.

Saturday, October 1—9:00 AM—Noon

Install Lee Creek Natural Area Signs

See page 7 for details.

Sunday, October 2—7:30—10:00 AM

Bountiful Pond—B E P/U R

Leader: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805

Email: imbatterman@gmail.com

Meet at the main parking lot at 1275 West 1600 North, Woods Cross. Take Exit 4 from Legacy Highway. Contact Ian if you plan to attend.

(Field Trips and Events continued from page 4)

Wednesday, October 5—7:30 AM—Noon
Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—B M P/U
Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182
Email: john.middleton0@gmail.com
See September 7 for field trip details.

Saturday, October 8—9:15 AM—1:00 PM
Bluebird Boxes in Strawberry Valley—E M P/U
Leader: Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373 (talk & text)
Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu
Arrive at 9:15 AM at the Strawberry Valley Visitor Center. From Heber City take US 40 east to Daniel’s Summit. Travel about 6 miles to the Visitor Center located on the right. Teams check and clean out boxes. Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

Saturday, October 8—6:00—7:30 PM
The Sounds of Nocturnal Migration with Heidi Hoven
Learn why birds migrate at night, how light pollution threatens nocturnal migratory birds, and how you can help minimize those threats. Register at <https://act.audubon.org/a/sounds-nocturnal-migration>

Sunday, October 9—7:30—10:30 AM
Jordan River-Galena-Soo’nkahni Preserve—B E L M P/U
Leader: Cooper Farr— 785.764.9592
Email: cooperf@tracyaviary.org
A wide variety of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and other birds can be viewed along the Jordan River. Meet at 12765 South 1125 West, Riverton. See map at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6t2zvy>. Contact Cooper.

Saturday, October 15—7:30—11:00 AM
Jordan River, Arrowhead Park, Murray—B E L P/U R
Leader: Linda Johnson—801.865.2700

Email: mnczech@gmail.com
See September 17 for field trip details.

Saturday, October 15—9:30—11:30 AM
GSLA Fledglings Club—Jordan River Nature Center
Contact Lianna Lopez; see page 3 for details.

Gillmor Sancturay Work Days-October 15, 21 and 22
Sign up on their website.

Tuesday, October 18—7:00—8:30 PM
Birds ‘n Bites: Protection and Preservation of the Wild Buffalo. See page 1 for details.

Wednesday, October 19—8:00—11:00 AM
Jordan River, Day-Riverside Library—E L P/U R
Leader: Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373
Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu
See September 21 for field trip details.

Saturday, October 22—10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Pre-ordered Sunflower Seed Pickup; see page below.
Contact: Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373
Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu

Monday, October 24—7:30 AM—1:00 PM
Antelope Island Causeway & Farmington Bay—E R
Leader: Bryant Olsen
Email: bryant_olsen@yahoo.com
See September 26 field trip details.

Tuesday, October 25—7:30 AM—1:00 PM
Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E
Leader: Bryant Olsen
Email: bryant_olsen@yahoo.com
See September 27 field trip details.

Great Salt Lake Audubon—Fall 2022 Black Oil Sunflower Seed Fundraiser

Support GSLA and help our feathered friends through the winter. Receive one 40-pound bag for each \$35.00 contribution.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Cell number: _____

Email: _____

I would like _____ bag(s) of sunflower seed at \$35.00 per bag. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ payable to **Great Salt Lake Audubon**. A copy of this form for printing is available from the GSLA website.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this order form.

Or order and pay for seed online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/5fymxma2>

Orders must be received by **Friday, October 7.**

Send the order form and your check to:

Jeanne Le Ber
550 South 400 East #3407
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Pick up your pre-ordered seed on Saturday, October 22 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Wild Birds Unlimited; rear parking lot; 1967 East Murray Holladay Road, Salt Lake City. We will send you an email reminder about seed pickup. GSLA does not cash checks until after the seed event is complete.

Direct questions to jeanne.leber@utah.edu.

Spotlight on Linda Johnson

GSLA Board & Outreach

Hello! I'm Linda Johnson, Great Salt Lake Audubon's Outreach Chair, a role I fell into much by accident, but a happy accident it has turned out to be. Besides staffing our tabling events, our Outreach Committee creates many of our materials, including our banner and our table cover. I'm fortunate to have a very talented team that makes this possible.

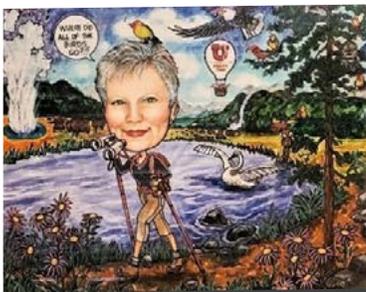
I grew up in southern Minnesota on a small river, where I spent many hours exploring the outdoors. Collecting snails and watching Belted Kingfishers were my things then. More seeds were planted with a school assignment to make a bird book. Although I'd never seen one, the Ruby-crowned Kinglet became my favorite.

During my career as a nurse I've lived in Illinois, Alaska, Wyoming, and Utah. I love hiking, photography, wildflowers, and Yellowstone National Park but never considered myself a birder. Friends invited me to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival where a seatmate on one of my trips, on learning of my frustration at finding and identifying birds, encouraged me to try GSLA field trips—they're free after all. I later learned that person was none other than Heather Dove! Since then, I've been a regular at the bird festival, Audubon field trips, and ultimately started volunteering with GSLA, and Tracy Aviary and Botanical Gardens.

I still didn't consider myself a birder until I received, as a retirement gift, a beautiful watercolor painting. There I was with a bird on my head and binoculars around my neck—officially a birder and didn't even know it!

I decided I'd better get serious and took Jeanne Le Ber's *Becoming a Bird Watcher* class through Osher Lifelong Learning. That did it; I was now a birder.

Being a GSLA board member has afforded me many opportunities. I'm grateful to be able to give back.



Linda Johnson becoming a birdwatcher.
Watercolor painting gifted to Linda Johnson ©

85th Annual Brighton Bird Count

by John Middleton, GSLA Board

The 85th Annual Brighton Bird Count was rescheduled due to an unfortunate accident at the "S" curve in Big Cottonwood Canyon that closed the road.

Birders regathered on Saturday, July 16, on a lovely cool morning that produced a nice assortment of birds. Species included singing Lincoln's Sparrow and Violet-green Swallow in the Silver Lake meadow area. An active nest of a Williamson's Sapsucker and an active nest of a Red-naped Sapsucker were observed near Lake Solitude and along the Twin Lakes trail. Both sapsuckers were bringing food to their young. We even got a good look at a young male moose in the beaver ponds.

Thanks to all who persevered and helped us continue this annual survey, collecting long-term data on the birds inhabiting this beautiful environment.

In Memoriam

Florence Krall Shepard, GSLA member, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2022. Flo was vice president/president of Great Salt Lake Audubon from 1975 to 1979 and was an ardent bird watcher. She worked to protect Gunnison Island, an important breeding habitat for the American White Pelican.

Born in 1926 in Kemmerer, Wyoming, Flo was an avid educator, conservationist, and environmentalist. Flo developed one of the first high school curricula in ecology and founded the Kemmerer Outdoor Laboratory. As a professor at the University of Utah, Flo developed the first environmental education program. This program inspired generations of teachers, activists, and writers to connect with the natural world. Flo and her husband, Paul Shepard, a human ecologist and author, traveled the world. In 1991 Paul and Flo built a cabin in Bondurant, Wyoming. After Paul's death, Flo remained active in numerous environmental efforts to protect western habitats. See her full obituary at <https://tinyurl.com/bdeczccr>.

Thank you to Cecily Laidman of New Hope, Pennsylvania for her \$50.00 donation in honor of **Russ L. Harmer**. Great Salt Lake Audubon extends their sympathy to the **Harmer** family. Russ and his wife Jeannie were world travelers who appreciated discovering new places, experiencing wildlife and birds, cultures, and historic sites. See Russ's obituary at <https://tinyurl.com/2skyyu8m>.

Help Install Lee Creek Natural Area Signs

Ella Sorensen, Gillmor Sanctuary Manager, and Max Malmquist, Audubon's Saline Lakes Outreach Associate, are seeking volunteers to help replace outdated signage in the Lee Creek Natural Area (LCNA) along the south shore of the Great Salt Lake. Join Ella and Max on Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 AM to noon to assist with the project. Meet at the Lee Creek East Entrance Gate, along I-80 Frontage Road. (See map linked at <https://goo.gl/maps/bePmfFmBM1f8MeCn6>.)

The Lee Creek Natural Area is managed by the National Audubon Society (NAS) and is part of the Gilbert Bay Globally Important Bird Area. Unfortunately, in recent decades, this mudflat shoreline was morphed by incompatible human activities into a severely degraded site. Fortunately, NAS, Kennecott, The Nature Conservancy, and the Mitigation Commission joined forces to make a real difference both to local wildlife and the community's appreciation of the natural world. Since NAS began managing the LCNA it has seen a thorough make-over restoring its identity as a natural place where wild things can thrive.

In 2002, 6,500 feet of fencing was installed to prevent uncontrolled access. Signage along the fence identified acceptable and non-acceptable uses of the area. Since 2002, human and non-human foes have taken a toll on the signs. Thanks to a grant from NAS's Western

Water Initiative, 150 new updated signs in both English and Spanish have been manufactured at the Utah Correctional Sign Facility.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 1, at 9:00 AM, to help replace signs. Keep an eye on the weather, wear long sleeves and pants, rubber boots or hiking shoes. Bring work gloves, pliers, and your lunch.

We will break into small teams and install signs along the boundary and entrance locations of the LCNA. We regroup for lunch at 11:30 AM-noon. Water will be provided!

Please contact Max Malmquist (max.malmquist@audubon.org) or Georgie Corkery (georgie.corkery@gmail.com) for more details. We appreciate your support!



For a longer version of this article see <https://rockies.audubon.org/gillmor/articles/transformation-lee-creek-natural-area>

Snowy Plover
Photo by Lauri Taylor ©

International Coastal Cleanup Day at Great Salt Lake State Park, Saturday, September 17

Community members along the Wasatch Front are invited to enjoy a morning of environmental stewardship along the south shore of the Great Salt Lake from 9:00 AM to noon. We will be picking up trash, connecting with the lake, and learning from local environmental organizations about how you can help protect Great Salt Lake's ecosystem.

This event is hosted by FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake and is an international event to clean up coasts and beaches. Of course, Great Salt Lake isn't an ocean on the coast, but it is an inland sea that is a key site for avian biodiversity and is part of a larger complex of Great Salt Lake's wetlands.

Participants should arrive at 9:00 AM and be ready to start picking up trash by 9:15 AM. At 11:15 AM we will regroup for the Lunch and Learn portion of the event. Snacks will be provided!

Wear clothes you can get dirty and shoes appropriate for mud and sand. Gloves, trash bags, and other cleanup supplies will be provided. For questions, contact [Katie Newburn](#) at or visit [website](#).

Dim the Lights for Birds Jacqueline Sundstrand, Dark Skies Initiative

Fall Migration is underway, which means millions of birds are traveling thousands of miles in search of new resources. This journey is a dangerous one, and humans have made it more perilous for the birds since the introduction of artificial light at night (ALAN). Birds use celestial cues in the night sky to navigate, and studies show that bright, dense light disorients birds, forcing them to expend more energy than they budgeted, and in many cases drawing them into cities where they are more likely to collide with windows.

The good news is there is a solution, and you can help! From September to November and again from March to May turn your lights out from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Encourage your family and friends to do the same. For any lighting that needs to remain on at night, you can still make a valuable impact by using motion sensing lights, warm colored bulbs, and shielding bulbs to direct the light downward.

For more resources on safer lighting practices and acceptable lighting fixtures, visit our [Dark Skies website](#).



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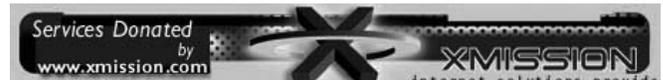
Local membership is \$30 annually.

This fee includes a 1-year, electronic subscription (6 issues) to the GSLA newsletter, *THE PELICAN*.

1. Complete the local-membership form below.
2. Prepare a check in the amount of the membership fee (\$30) plus any desired donation amount.
3. Mail both to :

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Salt Lake City UT 84152-0867

4. Or go to GSLA website to join online; click *Membership* at the bottom of the page.



NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
(National Membership)

Online Membership Form Only

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y8baknnp>

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

Membership Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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_____ Date _____