

# THE PELICAN

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## Birds



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 presented via Zoom.

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

### Tuesday, March 21—7:00-8:30 PM Birds 'n Bites: Natural Gas Leakage and Home Electrification in Utah



Photo by Cate Mitchell ©

Please join us on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation via Zoom with Logan Mitchell, PhD, Climate Scientist and Energy Analyst with Utah Clean Energy.

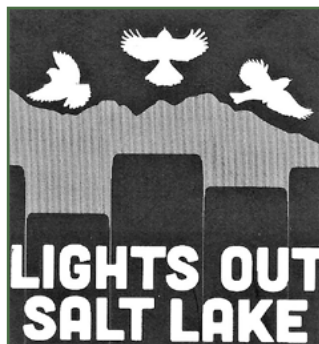
Mr. Mitchell will discuss policy and regulatory updates targeted at reducing methane leakage, the health risks of using natural gas in your home, and what you can do to

reduce natural gas use through home electrification.

Methane is the primary component of natural gas and is a potent greenhouse gas. Recent research on methane leakage from natural gas infrastructure shows exceptionally high leakage rates of 6-8% in the Uinta Basin where most of Utah's natural gas originates. This high leakage rate is the CO2-equivalent of emissions from the entire transportation sector in the state of Utah.

### Lights Out Salt Lake

Help birds migrate safely and prevent bird-window collisions that result in death. Turn out all unnecessary lights from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM during peak bird migration: March to May and August to October.



### April 18—7:00-8:30 PM Birds 'n Bites: Jordan River Nature Center Expansion



Photo from JRNC Website

Please join us on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation via Zoom about the Jordan River Nature Center Expansion. Located on Salt Lake City's westside, Tracy Aviary's JRNC was established in 2020 to inspire curiosity and caring for birds and nature. Currently, design plans are underway for the Center's 12-acre expansion! Learn more about

how this increased acreage will augment bird habitat and also serve as a prime birding area as well as a site for conservation research and further action. Our speaker will be Melissa Beckstrom, JRNC Director.

### 2023 Legislative Updates on Website

Since January 17, 2023, Steve Erickson, Great Salt Lake Audubon's policy advocate, has been spending his time at the Utah State Capitol tracking bills and representing our interests. If you are on our email list, you have been receiving Steve's weekly updates. If you are not on this list, go to on the GSLA website to find links to all updates. Go to [Legislative-updates](#).

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# THE PELICAN NEWSLETTER

## GREAT SALT LAKE AUDUBON MISSION

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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—January-February

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

As the days are growing longer, I hope you have a chance to get outside and watch more birds. GSLA has lots of opportunities to participate in field trips. John Middleton, field trip coordinator, has added many interesting trips this winter. Please look at the calendar and see if there is a trip that piques your interest.

With the legislature in session over the past two months, GSLA is fortunate to have the expertise of lobbyist Steve Erickson. Steve educates our members on the latest issues and bills of concern, and provides GSLA members the means to take action. Hopefully, our voices are heard, and significant bills are passed to preserve our Great Salt Lake and our precious water resources in the state.

GSLA continued our educational work during the cold winter months. A few highlights include new programs at the Hunter Library, and the resumption of our Birds 'n Bites programming. We continue to look for opportunities to engage the public and especially to grow interest with our younger populations. Lianna Lopez, Education Chair, brings delight and enthusiasm to her programs—bring on the toilet paper roll and popsicle stick bird feeders!

Join us for the Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibition at The City Library scheduled for April 20 to May 10. There will be a series of interesting lectures and events associated with this exhibit.

Thanks to everyone for being a GSLA member, and we hope to see you at a future GSLA event.

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## From the Editor

Dear Reader,

Did you know that birders are community scientists? Birders contribute to the body of scientific knowledge by reporting their birding activity while participating in events such as the Christmas Bird Count, Project FeederWatch, and the Great Backyard Bird Count (see page 7). For example, data collected and reported to an online database during these events is documenting changes in the winter ranges of birds, and the fluctuation in bird species and numbers. Reporting your bird sightings to eBird, a large online repository of bird data, is a great way to keep track of your life list, identify birding hotspots, connect with fellow birders, and support the scientific collection of data to learn about the health of bird populations. As a community scientist you contribute to this overall effort to learn more about birds. Go for it!

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*

## Education News

by Lianna Lopez, GSLA Board



We started 2023 with several events with community partners. We celebrated Noon Year's Eve with the Jordan River Nature Center (JRNC), made bird feeders at the Hunter Library, partied with USARA at their Winter Extravaganza, and celebrated Winter Waterfowl at the JRNC! Our focus has been making kid-friendly bird feeders and educating folk

about feeding the birds in winter. The two feeders we have been making are Recycled Toilet Paper Tube Feeders and Popsicle Stick Platform Feeders. (Above photo by Lianna Lopez ©)

If you are interested in learning how to make these two feeders visit our [GSLA Fledglings Club website](#).



### Fledglings Club

Do you have a young birder in your life? Or are you needing fun outdoor activities to do with your children or grandchildren

on the weekends? The GSLA Fledglings Club is resuming its monthly meet-ups! The Fledglings Club is for kids (ages three to eight) who have an interest in birds and other wildlife. Club members are given the opportunity to learn about local wildlife and ecosystems and participate in special programs just for club members. Activities and information are geared towards young children, but all ages are welcome! For more information about March and April meet-ups see our [Facebook page](#), and GSLA's website's [Event's page](#).

### Scout Day at the Jordan River Nature Center

**Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Calling all Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts—join us at the JRNC (3300 South 1125 West, South Salt Lake) to participate

in Scout Day! We will be doing crafts and activities that align with badges. For more information, please visit the [Jordan River Nature Center's website](#). The Education Committee will be there making bird feeders and talking to the scouts about spring migration!

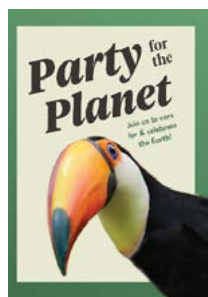
### Fledglings Club at Wonderbloom Nature Playschool Saturday, March 25 from 10–11:30 AM

Fledglings Club is back! Our March meet-up is at Wonderbloom Nature Playschool (1580 Vine St, Murray) where we will learn about spring migration, do observational drawings and go for a bird walk along the Murray Canal Trail.

### Party for the Planet at Tracy Aviary and JRNC

**Friday, April 21 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (TA)**

**Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (JRNC)**



Mother Earth deserves a party and Tracy Aviary knows how to party! Join us as we help the Aviary kick off their Earth Day celebration. Meet at the Tracy Aviary in Liberty Park (589 East 1300 South) on Friday, and at the Jordan River Nature Center (1125 West 3300 South) on Saturday. The festivities include learning how to care for and enjoy our planet through exciting hands-on activities, amazing

bird encounters, and insightful demonstrations. Event included with price of admission.

### Fledglings Club at The City Library

**Saturday, April 29 from 10–11:30 AM**

The 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Exhibition is being hosted at the The City Library (210 East 400 South) from April 20 to May 10, 2023. This exhibition features eleven award winning photographs and two videos. Our Fledglings Club meets at this exhibit (Lower Level Urban Room) to discuss the photos and learn about the birds and the photographers who took the pictures. We end with a bird scavenger hunt!

See our Instagram [@greatsaltlakeaudubon](#) for more information about our programs. Hope to see you there!

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## Save the Date—Basin and Range 2023

Please put June 2–4 on your calendar and plan to attend Great Salt Lake Audubon's 39<sup>th</sup> annual Basin and Range Weekend Seminar. This year we are traveling to the Arch Dam Group Campground located in the Ashley National Forest within the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, near Dutch John, Utah. From Salt Lake City, the drive to the campsite is about 3.5 hours. The campground is situated in high desert terrain and vegetated with sagebrush and pinyon pines. Grasses and summer wildflowers dot the meadows, and the Green River is nearby offering great birding options.

We are in the process of identifying field instructors and topics of interest for our adventurous participants. Details will be published in the May-June *Pelican*. Stay tuned and plan to join us.



Artwork by Ray Smith ©



## Calendar of Field Trips & Events for March–April 2023

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, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
Scout Day at the Jordan River Nature Center  
See page 3 for details.

**Wednesday, March 8—8:00–Noon**  
Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—M P/U R  
**Leader:** John Middleton—801.707.9182  
**Email:** [john.middleton0@gmail.com](mailto:john.middleton0@gmail.com)  
Meet by the golf cart bridge on Highway 65 for a morning of birding. See map.  
Contact John if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, March 11—8:00–11:00 AM**  
Jordan River, Arrowhead Park, Murray—E R P/U L B  
**Leader:** Linda Johnson—801.865.2700  
**Email:** [mnczech@gmail.com](mailto:mnczech@gmail.com)  
Walk on a flat, mostly unpaved trail featuring riparian and wooded habitat on both sides of the river. Meet at Arrowhead Park located at 593 West 4800 South.  
Contact Linda if you plan to attend.

**Wednesday, March 15—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](mailto:jeanne.leber@utah.edu)  
Bird along the river on paved and unpaved paths. Meet in the parking lot at 1575 West 1000 North.  
Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, March 18—5:30-10:00 AM**  
Henefer Sage Grouse Lek—E  
**Leader:** John Neill—801.231.2019  
**Email:** [neilljc@yahoo.com](mailto:neilljc@yahoo.com)  
The Henefer Greater Sage-Grouse Lek is located on the Morgan and Summit County line. Meet at the Walmart at 2705 East Parleys Way (see map) to get directions to and review rules for visting the lek.  
Contact John for details.

**Tuesday, March 21—7:00–8:30 PM**  
**Birds ‘n Bites:** *Natural Gas Leakage and Home Electrification in Utah* with Logan Mitchell. See page 1 for details.

**Saturday, March 25 from 10–11:30 AM**  
Fledglings Club at Wonderbloom Nature Playschool  
See page 3 for details.

**Sunday, March 26—7:30–10:30 AM**  
Jordan River at Galena–Soonkahni Preserve—E L P  
**Leader:** Cooper Farr—785.764.9592  
**Email:** [cooperf@tracyaviary.org](mailto:cooperf@tracyaviary.org)  
Expect a wide variety of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and other birds along the river. Meet in the parking lot of the South County Outdoor Pool (12765 South 1125 West, Riverton (see map).  
Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

**Monday, March 27—Sunrise–2:00 PM**  
Antelope Island Causeway & Farmington Bay—E L P/U R  
**Leader:** Bryant Olsen  
**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/496neaa8>  
Registration is required to receive trip details via email the day before your scheduled slot.

**Tuesday, March 28—Sunrise–1:00 PM**  
Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E R  
**Leader:** Bryant Olsen  
**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/496neaa8>  
Registration is required to receive trip details via email the day before your scheduled slot.

**Saturday, April 1—7:30–11:00 AM**  
City Creek Canyon—B M P/U R  
**Leader:** Vivian Schneggenburger—801.518.1730  
**Email:** [vivschneggs@gmail.com](mailto:vivschneggs@gmail.com)  
Meet at the gate to the upper City Creek Canyon off Bonneville Boulevard.  
Contact Vivian if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, April 8—7:45 AM–Noon**  
Discover Gillmor Sanctuary—Spring Migration E to M  
**Host:** Heidi Hoven; **Leader:** Max Malmquist  
**Register at** <https://tinyurl.com/4sv839ap>  
Tour highlights shorebirds and their habitat. Meeting location provided with free registration confirmation. Provide own transportation, carpooling encouraged.

**April 14, 15, 22—7:45 AM–12:30 PM**  
Gillmor Sanctuary Spring Work Days E to M  
**Host:** Heidi Hoven  
**Register at** <https://tinyurl.com/54k3k5hk>  
Ages 12 and up are invited to these work parties. Meeting location provided with free registration confirmation. Dress for the weather, boots, gardening gloves and binoculars. Bring your own snacks.

(Field Trips and Events continued from page 4)

**Saturday, April 15—7:00–11:00 AM**

Utah Lake Parkway Trail, Saratoga Springs E P/U L

**Leader:** John Neill—801.231.2019

**Email:** [neilljc@yahoo.com](mailto:neilljc@yahoo.com)

Meet at Shoreline Park, 2182 East Lakeview Dr., Saratoga Springs (see map). Expected birds are owls, ducks, gulls, passerines, falcons, and other raptors. Contact John if you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, April 18—7:00–8:30 PM**

**Birds 'n Bites:** Jordan River Nature Center Expansion

See page 1 for details.

**Wednesday, April 19—7:30–10:30 AM**

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

**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

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

See March 15 field trip for details.

**April 20–May 10—The 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Exhibition at The City Library; see page 5.**

**Saturday, April 22—8:00–11:00 AM**

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

**Leader:** Linda Johnson—801.865.2700

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

See March 11 field trip for details.

**April 22 from 3:30–5:30 PM**

Paul Bannick keynote and opening reception at The City Library for the 2022 Photography Awards Exhibition See page 5 for details.

**Monday, April 24—Sunrise–2:00 PM**

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

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/496neaa8>

Registration is required to receive trip details via email the day before your scheduled slot.

**Tuesday, April 25—Sunrise–1:00 PM**

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E R

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/496neaa8>

Registration is required to receive trip details via email the day before your scheduled slot.

**Saturday, April 29—7:00 AM–Noon**

Bundy Fairfield restoration site & Powell Lake E

**Leader:** Ian Batterman—920.360.0805

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

Meet in the southeast corner of the Walmart parking lot on 11400 South (see map) at 7:00 AM. Bring water and lunch. Contact Ian Batterman by text if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, April 29 from 10-11:30 AM**

Fledglings Club at The City Library

See page 3 for details.

**Wednesday, May 3—7:30–11:00 AM**

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

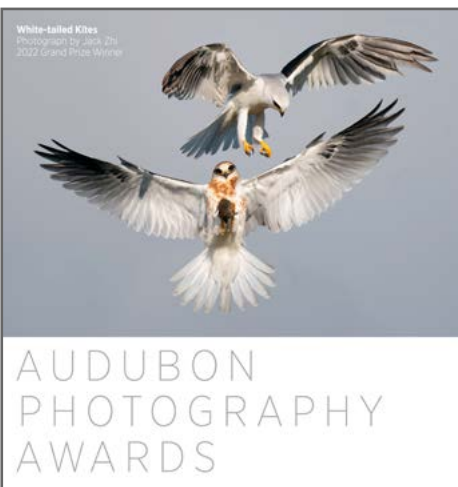
**Leader:** John Middleton—801.707.9182

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

See March 8 field trip for details.

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## Visit the 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Exhibition April 20 to May 10 at The City Library



Great Salt Lake Audubon and The City Library are co-hosting the 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Exhibition from April 20 to May 10, 2023. Eleven photographs and two videos will be displayed on the Lower Level Urban Room at The City Library.

Join us for the keynote address and opening reception on Saturday, April 22 from 3:30–5:30 PM. Award-winning author and photographer Paul Bannick presents the program titled *Owl: A Year in The Lives of North American Owls*. Paul is available to sign his books after the

talk. (Books available for purchase at event via Venmo, credit card, check or cash.) A reception with finger foods follows the talk in the Lower Level Urban Room where the pictures and videos are on display.

There are three free Monday evening workshops scheduled at The City Library from 5:30–6:30 PM

- April 24—Photographer Tom Mathewson presents *Bird Photography: Discovering your Own Artistic Vision*
- May 1—Farmington High School Professor Adam Blundell presents *Birding with Teenagers: Capturing Photos and The Thrill of the Hunt!*
- May 8—Professional adventure photographer and digital storyteller Jonathan Duncan presents *The History and Future of the Great Salt Lake—a Photographic Journey*

Workshop presenters focus on photography as a means to tell a story and interact with nature.

Please join us for a wonderful event.

## Spotlight on Lianna Lopez

GSLA Board and Education Chair



Photo by Liana Lopez ©

My love for birds started when I was a young girl. Growing up in northern California my grandmother had a beautiful rose garden, and several hummingbird feeders. It was my Nana who helped me notice the hummingbirds as well as the little brown birds in the bushes.

When I went off to college, I befriended several wildlife majors who introduced me to the world of *lifers*, eBird, seasonal research work, and bird counts. I became fascinated with shorebirds, pelagics, owls, corvids, buteos and wild turkeys.

After graduating college, I moved to San Francisco for a job teaching preschool. My first year teaching three to five year olds, we did a huge project on birds. That year we had a Great Horned Owl and Red-tailed Hawk visit our playground. A Black-crowned Night Heron nested up the street. A Black Phoebe visited our farmyard, and the famous cherry-headed conures (the parrot of Telegraph Hill) flew by on their way to visit neighborhood fruit trees.

During this time, I signed up to volunteer with the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory. That fall I spent every other Saturday in the Marin Headlands counting raptors. I loved sharing my experience and what I was learning with my preschoolers. A few years later I learned about the Alcatraz Waterbird Docent Program and spent one weekend a month during spring chatting with tourists about the diverse array of birds who nested on the island.

After living in California for over 30 years, my husband and I moved to Utah in 2015. I'll never forget seeing my first Lazuli Bunting while walking our dog at Tanner Park.

In 2017, I joined Great Salt Lake Audubon but never managed to participate in any of the events or field trips due to my graduate studies. In 2019, I graduated from Westminster College with a master's degree in Education.

In the fall of 2020, I became pregnant and as the rest of the world shut down, I too withdrew from society. However, I reached out to the GSLA Education Committee to offer my support. In the winter of 2021 Amanda Kay (previous chair) contacted me and asked if I would be interested in her position. At the time, I was eager to get out of my comfort zone and back into the world of teaching, especially sharing my love for birds.

I have been on the GSLA Board and the Education Chair since December 2021. As the Director of Wonderbloom, a nature-based preschool located in Murray, I want to be what my grandmother was for me. I want to be the adult who brings the joy of birds to children. I want to inspire young people to be curious and excited about birds.

It's an honor to be a GSLA Board Member and Education Chair. I look forward to continuing to share my love of birds with future generations.

## Great Salt Lake Bird Festival—May 18-21



Join Davis County and the Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival. The festival is scheduled for May 18–21 and is headquartered at the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Wildlife Education Center at FBWMA in Farmington. Festival information and online registration opens in March. Check their [website](#) for details).

There are over 45 half-day to full-day field trips available. Field trip leaders, workshops, speaker events and a dinner with a keynote speaker entice the beginner, intermediate and expert birder to experience and learn more about the birds that use the Great Salt Lake and surrounding lands.

Great Salt Lake is the perfect location for outstanding birdwatching. Millions of birds use the GSL as they prepare to migrate north to their breeding grounds. Of the 250 species of birds that use the GSL, many nest in the nearby wetlands, foothills, and mountains adjacent to the lake.

Birding with folks who share a passionate interest in birds enhances the experience of attending the festival. The festival offers the opportunity to learn from the very best birders in Utah. Discover where, when, and how to bird while improving your bird identification skills.

For more information visit the [GSL Bird Festival website](#). Hope to see you there!

## In Memorandum

Our good friend Bill Yates recently passed away. Bill volunteered for various environmental organizations and helped start, with his good friend Keith Johnson, the Audubon/TreeUtah Migratory Bird Habitat Restoration project along the Jordan River. Bill often joined GSLA on field trips and helped with the nest boxes in Strawberry Valley. GSLA extends its sympathy to Bill's daughters Erin and Susan and grandchildren. See [full obit](#).

## Repertory Dance Theatre Presents *Flight* by Kara Komarnitsky, Community Engagement Assistant

Repertory Dance Theatre (RDT) is inviting the birding community to attend *Flight* on April 20–22, 2023. This dance concert is a *choreographic response to the landscape [that] gives us a fresh perspective and ways to see, understand and evaluate the world.*

The three dances scheduled to be performed include *The Winged* (1966) by José Limón, *I've Known Rivers* (2005) by Donald McKayle and *Dancing the Bears Ears* (2017) by Zvi Gotheiner.

These dances are inspired by the Utah landscape.



*Flight* responds to the beauty and the fragility of Utah's environment and to the current issues that are threatening the sustainability of the Great Salt Lake, our rivers, and streams. Lands that speak to all of us about the spiritual and mythological connections we have to each other and to the earth.

There is a free pre-show symposium on Friday, April 21. Use the promo code **gsla** to receive \$10 off the purchase of your dance concert tickets! For more information visit the [RDT website](#).

Great Salt Lake Audubon and other local conservation and environmental organizations will be hosting information tables in the lobby before the shows.

## Great Backyard Bird Count Needs You! by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is an annual event that takes place in the middle of February with the goal to help scientists better understand global bird populations before their spring migration. Initiated in 1998, the GBBC is the first citizen science project to collect data on wild birds and to display the results in near real time.

Birders contribute to this effort by reporting their bird sightings during the four-day period of the event (this year February 17-20, 2023). The data collected helps scientists better understand what is happening to bird numbers, species fluctuations, and the overall health of bird habitat and the environment in general.

### Some fun facts about the 2022 GBBC:

- 7099 species were identified worldwide
- 192 countries participated
- 384,641 global participants

Countries with the most submitted checklists

- United States with 234,131 (380 species)
- India with 42,830 (486 species)
- Canada with 33,797 (200 species)

Utah's contribution

- 1308 checklists submitted
- 178 species reported by 95 birders
- The top birder, Joe Dziedzina had 22 checklists and 91 species

Joe Dziedzina contributed just over half of the species seen in the Utah 2022 GBBC. On the other hand, just under half the species were contributed by other participating birders. This means that every checklist and species reported was important to the overall collection of data.

Put the GBBC event on your calendar for February 2024 and contribute to the scientific knowledge related to birds. Details about participation are available on the [GBBC website](#). Hope to see your efforts for the birds documented on eBird.

*If your average picture is worth a thousand words, a **Paul Bannick** wildlife photograph is worth 20,000. Having worked with wildlife photographers for articles in Audubon, Smithsonian, Sierra, National Wildlife, and other magazines for 45 years, I have yet to encounter one who better captures the magic and beauty of the natural world. I was absolutely blown away by his two recent books — *Snowy Owl* and *Great Gray Owl*. No tame, game-farm birds in these spectacular collections or in any of Bannick's work. He immerses himself in the wild and brings his viewers and readers along with him. Little wonder that he is a multiple award winner.*

Ted Williams, award winning wildlife journalist and former Editor of Audubon Magazine





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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 :

**GREAT SALT LAKE AUDUBON**  
**P.O. Box 520867**  
**Salt Lake City UT 84152-0867**

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

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
*(National Membership)*

*Online Membership Form Only*

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

<https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/DH8fxTkoC0qHjXF9fZCtRw2>

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

Membership Form

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