

# 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, open to the public, and presented via Zoom.

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## Tuesday, September 19—7:00–8:30 PM

*Birds 'n Bites: Drying Desert Oasis?*

Please join us on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation by John Luft, Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program Manager, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources.

Great Salt Lake is important to 12 million birds annually that rely on it for breeding, wintering, staging, and as a key stopover during both the spring and fall migrations. The rich food sources it provides are what draw over 300 different species throughout the year. As with all wildlife, habitat is key to the abundance of food in each of the five Important Bird Areas (IBAs) at GSL. Water is the main ingredient for the five different bays and crucial for the sustainability of our migratory birds.

## Tuesday, October 17—7:00–8:30 PM

*Birds 'n Bites: Threat of Bear River Development on Great Salt Lake*

Please join us on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation by Matt Berry, Water, Fiscal & Conservation Policy Specialist, Utah Rivers Council. Matt will discuss threats to Great Salt Lake, specifically the large and wasteful Bear River Development project that threatens the health of Great Salt Lake and the animals and biota that the lake supports. Beyond discussing the threats, Matt will also share different legislative initiatives that the Utah Rivers Council is taking to address the Great Salt Lake crisis.

## Tuesday, October 10—7:00–8:30 PM

*Fall Forum—Not Just Bird Food* with Donald Feener



Professor Feener admiring a mating pair of giant stick insects in Colombia

Please join us on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM at Westminster University, Gore Auditorium for our Fall Forum. Donald Feener, Professor Emeritus, School of Biological Sciences at the University of Utah, speaks about *Not Just Bird Food: An Appreciation of Insects with a Comparison to Birds*.

Insects are the most diverse group of organisms on the planet, exceeding more than 50% of all described species of animals, plants, fungi and protists. They are abundant in virtually all ecosystems where they play essential roles as decomposers, pollinators, herbivores, predators and parasitoids, and as an important food source for birds and other vertebrates.

In his talk Dr. Feener compares the evolution, ecology, and behavior of insects with that of birds. Topics he plans to address include how wings evolved in insects and birds, why adaptive radiation in insects and birds is tied to the diversification of mouthparts, and why insects and birds are so colorful. He also discusses evidence for the *insect apocalypse*, its causes and consequences, and what we can do to encourage healthy and diverse insect populations. Reception to be held before talk at 6:15 PM.

Professor Donald Feener is an insect ecologist whose research areas include the evolution and ecology of species interactions between ants and other insects, ant-plant mutualism, and the behavior and physiology of food collections in ants. He has taught the Entomology course at the University of Utah for 30 years, along with a variety of other courses, including Rain Forest Ecology and Conservation, and Evolution and Diversity of Life.

In the last two years Dr. Feener has become an avid birdwatcher.

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# THE PELICAN NEWSLETTER

## 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 for July & August

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

I hope everyone enjoyed this beautiful summer and is ready for the upcoming shorter and cooler days. Fall is approaching, and it is a wonderful time to attend a GSLA field trip and watch birds in the crisp, cool morning.

As we step back into our autumn routines, GSLA resumes the Birds 'n Bites programming. Erica Marken has organized some fantastic speakers so make sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events (see calendar). Also, our Fall Forum returns, and we are excited to hold this event in person this year! University of Utah Professor of Biology Don Feener joins us Tuesday, October 10 at the Gore Auditorium on the Westminster University campus. We hope that you will join us at this event.

Another great way to celebrate the season is to attend the annual International Coastal Cleanup Day at Great Salt Lake State Park on Saturday, September 16. This is a volunteer event hosted by the Friends of Great Salt Lake with the goal of picking up litter along the south shore of the lake. Last year, volunteers removed over two tons of trash! See the article on page 7 for more information.

Another annual fall event is our sunflower seed fundraiser. We partner with Wild Birds Unlimited to provide high quality seed at a great price. See page 5 for the order form.

Thanks to all of our members for your support and happy birding!

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## Bird's Big Bite

Story and Photo by Klaus Bielefeldt, Birder



Hiking in Red Butte Canyon, I came across this Warbling Vireo. It had caught a dragonfly, which seemed to be a rather sizable meal for the relatively small bird. I waited and watched for some time to see if and how dinner would go down. It did not happen during these few minutes. While many birds can manage truly big gulps, I would have to swallow a 30-inch sub to down a comparable meal. I checked *Birds of the World* to learn more about the dietary habits of Warbling Vireos. The studies described mostly foraging by picking beetles and other small arthropods off leaves. Thus, dragonflies did not seem to fit foraging methods and analyses of stomach contents. I did not see if this bird truly caught this dragonfly. However, it left me wondering. I learned as a kid that for some of us, the eyes can be bigger than the stomach when we fill our meal plates. Perhaps, there is an avian equivalent.

## Purchase Great Salt Lake License Plate

The 2023 Utah Legislature General Session created SB 92 in support of preserving the Great Salt Lake. By purchasing a special license plate you are contributing to a fund managed by the [Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands](#) which will be used to benefit and conserve the Great Salt Lake watershed and ecosystem. For more information see <https://www.utahsenatedemocrats.org/gsl>



Apply for your Special Great Salt Lake License Plate today and be part of a movement that supports the ongoing conservation efforts for this irreplaceable natural gem.

## Gillmor Sanctuary Fall Work Days

Please join staff at the Audubon Edward L. & Charles F. Gillmor Sanctuary to lend a helping hand. Sanctuary staff have scheduled three work days for volunteers to help with gardening-like tasks to improve important bird habitat. While working you may see birds of the Great Salt Lake!

**When:** Oct 13, 14, and 21

**Time:** 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

**Where:** Notified upon registration, self-drive/carpool

**Bring:** Water, snacks, warm layers, boots, gardening or leather gloves, bug and sun protection, binoculars

**Age group:** 12-years and up

**Difficulty:** similar to garden work

Sign up for one, two, or three days – it's free! Registration and more information available at

<https://tinyurl.com/2m3tx9tk>

## 2023 Salt Lake City Peregrine Falcon Nest Report

by Liz Schubert, Volunteer Coordinator SLC Peregrine Falcons FB Group

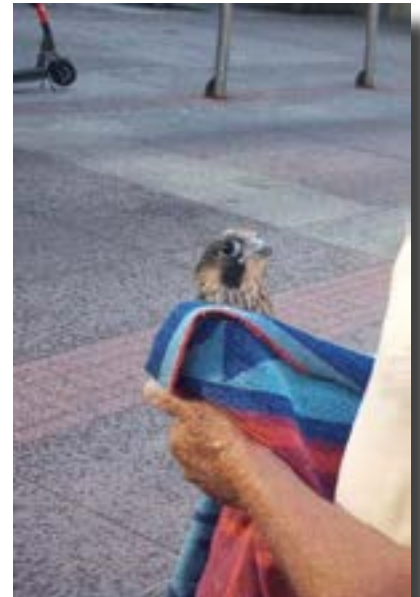
On March 29, the building manager of One Utah Center informed Bob Walters that there were three Peregrine Falcon eggs in the nest box (originally installed in 2015) atop this downtown Salt Lake City skyscraper. Now retired, Bob was the [Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Watchable Wildlife](#) coordinator, and he continues to oversee the Nesting Peregrine Falcon Watch/Rescue Team to ensure the safety of the falcons. To assist monitoring, a live camera feed of the nest box was installed.

It was estimated that the eggs would hatch May 2-6. Unfortunately, the team received tragic news that the female falcon (posthumously named Faith) was hit by a car on May 6 and died. Would the lone male falcon (named Hero by the volunteers) be able to provide for the eyases? The three chicks hatched on May 9, 10 and 11.

The estimated date for the nestlings to fledge was June 13-20. Referred to as HellWeek(s), it is the most dangerous time for the young birds as they leave the nest and potentially crash into windows and make miscalculated landings in the street. The Watch Team's job is to rescue the vulnerable chicks.

- Champ fledged first on June 18 at 6:47 AM and successfully landed on the Walker Center building. He continued to fly successfully all week.
- Buddy fledged second on June 18 at 8:45 PM and disappeared behind a construction area. He crashed into a glass building one block north and was found on the street, seemingly unharmed, but he was sent to rehab in Mapleton as a precaution.
- Grace fledged third on June 21 and made a successful flight to the Walker Center. Her second flight ended in tragedy as she crashed into an adjacent glass building and died.

As of August 9, Bob continues to see Hero and Champ flying together around 200 South Main Street. We anticipate that Hero will find a new mate and nest again in 2024. A big thank you to our 20 volunteers and especially Tony Tingey of One Utah Center, Patti Richards of [Great Basin Wildlife Rescue](#), and [Great Salt Lake Audubon](#) for the two-way radios.



Top photo: Buddy after crash before being sent to rehab. Photo by Janet Houtz ©

Bottom photo: Camera shot of the three young Peregrine Falcons atop One Utah Center  
Photo taken from live camera feed ©





## Calendar of Field Trips & Events for September–October 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

### Wednesday, September 6—7:30–11:00 AM

Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—M P/U R  
**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

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

Meet by the golf cart bridge on Highway 65 for a morning of birding. See map at <https://tinyurl.com/mpf6khxv>. Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

### Sunday, September 10—7:30–10:30 AM

Big Cottonwood Regional Park—B E P/U R  
**Leader:** Cooper Farr, 785.764.9592

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

Meet at 4650 South 1590 East to bird this flat, mostly unpaved series of trails through open woodland habitat, and visit the small wetland in the park. Expect migratory hummingbirds, flycatchers, sparrows, tanagers, and warblers. Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

### Saturday, September 16—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](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, 593 West 4800 South. Contact Linda if you plan to attend.

### Saturday, September 16—9:00 AM–12:30 PM

International Coastal Cleanup Day, GSL State Park  
See page 7 for details about participating.

### Tuesday, September 19—7:00–8:30 PM

Birds ‘n Bites—*Drying Desert Oasis?* with John Luft  
See page 1 for details.

### Wednesday, September 20—7:30–11:00 AM

Jordan River Day-Riverside Library—B 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.

### Saturday, September 23—9:15 AM–12:00 PM

Bluebird Box Cleanup in Strawberry Valley—Work trip  
**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

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

Arrive at 9:15 AM at the Strawberry Valley Visitor Center. Drive through Heber City and take U.S. 40 east to Daniel’s Summit. From there travel about 6 miles to the Visitor Center which is on the right. We will replace about 1/2 the boxes and clean out the rest. Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

### Monday, September 25—Dawn–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 trip.

### Tuesday, September 26—Dawn–1:00 PM

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E  
**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

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

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

### Saturday, September 30—7:30–11:00 AM

Salt Lake International Center—E M P/U  
**Leader:** Max Malmquist

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

Over 160 species of birds have been recorded here in the fall, including rare vagrants. Meet at the south end of Charles Lindbergh Drive where it crosses W Douglas Corrigan Way, just east of International Center Pond. Map at <https://goo.gl/maps/CM82vLjUMNEL7gLu9>. Email Max to reserve spot.

### Wednesday, October 4—8:00–11:00 AM

Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—M P/U R  
**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

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

See September 6 field trip for details.

### Tuesday, October 10—7:00–8:30 PM

Fall Forum—*Not Just Bird Food* with Donald Feener  
In-person event at Westminster University, Gore Auditorium with reception. See page 1 for details.

### Friday, October 13—World Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center at Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area. See page 7 for details.

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**Sunday, October 15—7:30–10:30 AM**

Jordan River—Galena—Soo'nakahni Preserve—B E L M P/U

**Leader:** Cooper Farr—785.764.9592

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

This section of the Jordan River trail features riparian, wetland, and shrub/upland habitats that support high bird diversity. Songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and other birds present. Meet at 12765 South 1125 West, Riverton. Map <https://tinyurl.com/bp959398>.

Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, October 17—7:00–8:30 PM**

Birds 'n Bites—*Threat of Bear River Development on Great Salt Lake* with Matt Berry

See page 1 for details.

**Wednesday, October 18—7:30–11:00 AM**

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

**Leader:** Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

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

See September 20 field trip for details.

**Saturday, October 21—8:00–11:00 AM**

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

**Leader:** Linda Johnson—801.865.2700

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

See September 16 field trip for details.

**Saturday, October 21—10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Sunflower Seed Pickup at Wild Birds Unlimited

See page 5 below for details.

**Sunday, October 22—7:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Random Rarity Search—E M

**Leader:** Ian Batterman—920.360.0805

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

Meet at the southeast corner of the South Jordan Walmart at 11328 South Jordan Gateway, and we will decide as a group what birds to look for based on rare species recently seen.

Contact Ian Batterman if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, October 28—8:00–11:00 AM**

Bountiful Pond—B E L P/U R

**Leader:** Dan Strauch—385.488.3303

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

Meet at the main pond parking lot at 1275 West 1600 North in Woods Cross. Expected species include raptors, sparrows, waterfowl, gulls, and more! We may even get a chance to see some late fall migrants.

Contact Dan if you plan to attend.

**Monday, October 30—Dawn–1:00 PM**

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

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

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

See September 25 field trip for details.

**Tuesday, October 31—Dawn–1:00 PM**

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E

**Leader:** Bryant Olsen

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

See September 26 field trip for details.

## Great Salt Lake Audubon—Fall 2023 Black Oil Sunflower Seed Fundraiser

Support GSLA and help our feathered friends through the winter. Receive one 40-pound bag for each \$35 contribution.

### ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ bag(s) of sunflower seed at \$35 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/mpjdx4d>

Orders must be received by **Friday, October 6**.

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 21** between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Wild Birds Unlimited; rear parking lot; 1967 East Murray Holladay Road, SLC.

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](mailto:jeanne.leber@utah.edu).

## Pelican Disappear from GSL

by Heather Dove, GSLA President

For many hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, Gunnison Island, located in the north arm of Great Salt Lake has been the nesting ground for one of the largest breeding colonies of American White Pelican in the world. Until recently, Gunnison Island typically hosted up to 20,000 breeding adults every year.

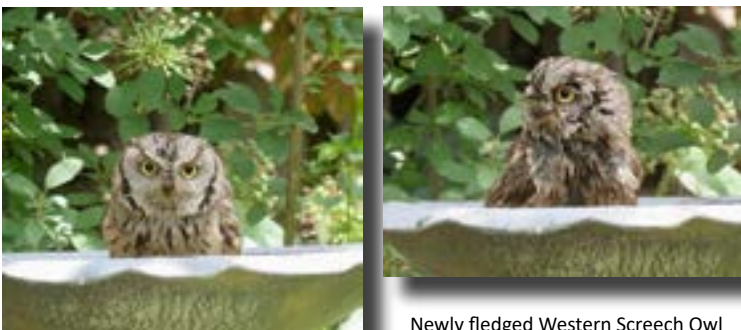
However, since the late 1980s, the GSL level has steadily declined, especially as a 20-year drought took hold starting in 2000. This has resulted in the appearance of a land bridge connecting Gunnison Island to the mainland, providing predators (primarily coyotes and foxes) and humans a means to reach pelican nests, eggs, and chicks.

Pelicans are notoriously intolerant of disturbance, and it is for this reason that they choose to nest on remote, inaccessible islands, even though it means they must fly thirty miles, sometimes up to 60-100 miles a day to forage for fish in freshwater bays, lakes, and wetlands.

As GSL levels continued to drop, state biologists have anticipated the inevitable abandonment of Gunnison Island by the pelicans. This year in 2023, sadly, that happened. DWR biologists reported at the end of June that there had been a drastic decline in the population.

John Luft, the program manager for the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program (GSLEP), revealed that during their air-flights in May, GSLEP observed only 1,500 pelicans. Two weeks later, that number was cut in half, and by the end of June, there were no nesting pelicans left on Gunnison Island.

This tragedy illustrates the consequences of not establishing and adhering to a minimum GSL level. A resolution to work towards a lake elevation of 4198' was introduced in the 2023 Utah Legislature but was voted down. Environmental groups are planning to introduce a similar bill in the 2024 session and are hopeful it will pass. The disappearance of the American White Pelican from Gunnison Island serves as a stark reminder of the ecological challenges facing the Great Salt Lake ecosystem.



Newly fledged Western Screech Owl  
bathing in backyard birdbath.  
Photos by John Middleton ©

## Dark Sky Passport

by Georgie Corkery, GSLA Board



*The Watchman, Zion National Park  
Photo by Robbie Shade ©*

Are you interested in exploring the night sky? Want to find places in Utah to see the stars? The Dark Sky Passport is a tool you can use to create a sense of awe and connection by exploring naturally dark skies and the stars they reveal. The passport focuses on National and State parks that are designated or are actively applying to be Dark Sky Parks, or have regular dark sky programming, including

the Junior Rangers Night Explorers Program.

By using the Dark Sky Passport, you can learn what a dark sky is and how it differs from where you live. What do you feel, see, and hear in a Dark Sky Park? What is the cause of that difference? With the Dark Sky Passport, there is space for personal reflections in the hope of igniting wonder and a sense of stewardship for the heavens. In addition, you can receive a Dark Sky Passport Certificate by sharing your experience with Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative (CPDSC) online, where you can also find a Dark Sky Toolkit that is equipped with best practices, a network directory, and tips on reducing light pollution.

Astrotourism deals with the viewing of celestial objects, space, and the physical universe. It is a sustainable form of recreation that enables people to experience nature in new ways and inspires them to travel to unique places. Utah has the greatest concentration of dark sky sites in the world. In fact, Utah has more certified Dark Sky sites than any other state, with eleven National Park locations, ten State Parks, two communities, and one County Park.

This project is sponsored by the [Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative](#) and is funded by [Utah State University Extension](#). The CPDSC is supported through a partnership with the [Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism](#) at Utah State University and the [National Park Service's Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division](#), in a collaborative effort to educate, protect, and inspire wonder in night skies.

If you are interested in getting a Dark Sky Passport, check out the visitor centers at State and National Parks. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/m5pd4ua4> to preview the Dark Sky Passport online.



## 2023 Brighton Bird Count Report

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

This year marked the 86th Annual Brighton Bird Count. Birders met on Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 AM at the Silver Lake Visitor Center. Thank you to the thirty-five birders who attended and counted birds on one of three teams.

Overall, the three teams counted 39 bird species and 265 individuals. This is slightly less than the average count of 41 species and 294 individuals.

The following chart details team data.

	Twin Lakes	Lake Solitude	Silver Lake
Team Leader	Bryant Olsen	Ian Batterman	Jeanne Le Ber
Number of species	28	24	21
Number of individuals	115	88	62
Number of Birders	14	12	9

One note of interest: the U.S. Forest Service is in the process of replacing the boardwalk around Silver Lake. As a consequence, about one-half of the path was closed to birders (and others). This may have impacted bird numbers seen and contributed to disturbing the birds. It didn't affect the number of Lincoln Sparrows seen, as there were twenty, the count high for individuals.

The potluck lunch following the count was delicious. Thank you to all the birders who attended and provided food. A special thank you to Bryant Olsen who enters all the data into eBird. Hope to see you all next year.

### In Memoriam

**Aaron Jones**, a faithful supporter of Great Salt Lake Audubon, passed away on June 12, 2023 at the age of 72. Aaron attended numerous Basin & Range Weekend Seminars and appreciated the opportunity to interact with field instructors and other participants. His friend Loraine Lovell mentioned that Aaron was a true humanitarian and Renaissance man who loved to hike and interact with nature. He was a solid environmentalist with memberships and active participation in organizations such as Save Our Canyons and Southern Utah Wilderness Association.

GSLA extends its sympathy to Aaron's family, his brother Gerard (who sometimes accompanied Aaron to B&R), his niece Cynthia and close friend Maria.

## International Coastal Cleanup Day

by Georgie Corkery, GSLA Board

This year is the third year that Great Salt Lake Audubon participates in the annual International Coastal Cleanup Day at Great Salt Lake State Park. We invite you to join us! We will exercise our environmental stewardship muscles by removing trash from the south shore of Great Salt Lake on the morning of Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

This event is being 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.

Please wear clothes you can get dirty and shoes appropriate for mud and sand. As a precaution, bring a backpack with water, a raincoat and rain pants. It rained on us the last two years! Gloves, trash bags, and other cleanup supplies will be provided. For more information or to register for the event, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrytsw9z> and click on *Get tickets*.



*International Coastal Cleanup Day 2022 near Saltair*

## World Migratory Bird Day at FB

by Hayley Pace, Program Specialist, DWR

Join staff at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center (EWEC) at Farmington Bay WMA on Friday October 13 from 2:00–4:30 PM to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day!

In celebration EWEC is teaming up with the Farmington High School ornithology class and GSL Audubon Society to install bird boxes to help mitigate window strikes by Tree Swallow. Participants will also have the opportunity to dissect bird nests and hear a talk by an expert about the results of the Western Shorebird Survey, which includes information on how many and what species of shorebirds were found around the Great Salt Lake this past spring and fall. Hope to see you there!



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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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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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