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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, November 21—7:00–8:30 PM

Birds 'n Bites: Listening to the Dark Skies Along the Great American Flyway



Professor Cin-Ty Lee, preparing his nocturnal recording device

Please join us on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation by Professor Cin-Ty Lee, Harry Carothers Wiess Professor of Geology, Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Rice University.

Dark migration is the realm of detecting birds migrating at night. About 90% of birds migrate at night. Join us for an evening with Professor Lee to learn what the microphones he trains to the skies see overhead while we sleep.

We are fortunate to have Professor Lee join us for a second year with *Birds 'n Bites*. Last year he presented his now published *Field Guide to North American Flycatchers Kingbirds and Myiarchus*.

Fall Grant Awards

by Kandy Richards, GSLA Treasurer

Great Salt Lake Audubon is pleased to announce that our **Fall Grant program** awarded grants of \$2,000 each to four worthy recipients. These grants support our mission by providing funding to further education, support research, and provide data to guide habitat conservation.

Bridgerland Audubon

Speaking for the Birds of the GSL—People, Puppets, and the Power of Story Telling. Provides puppet materials and digital educational resources to 30 GSL watershed schools in multiple counties. Students learn about various water birds, their dependence on the GSL wetlands, and how to maintain a healthy watershed and conserve water for the lake and its birds. One puppet from each school will be

exhibited at the *Native & Youth Voices Honoring the GSL* event at the Utah State Capitol on November 11, 2023.

HawkWatch International

Golden Eagle Winter Feeding. In collaboration with the Division of Wildlife Resources, roadkill carcasses will be relocated from urban areas to places like the West Desert to provide much-needed winter food sources to prevent eagle populations from starving and to encourage nesting. Game cameras will track eagles for long term data gathering for the existing nest monitoring program.

Loveland Living Planet Aquarium

Otter Project. This collaboration with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources surveys and documents Utah river otter populations. Trail cameras have been used to survey sites at the Provo and Strawberry Rivers and Strawberry Reservoir. Studies continue at Utah Lake and the Weber River in partnership with Weber State and Utah State Universities. Understanding otter populations will provide valuable information on aquatic ecosystem health and facilitate comprehensive conservation measures.

Tracy Aviary

Tracking Flight: Combining Wildlife Biology & Technology to Protect the Shorebirds of GSL. Partnering with DWR, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the University of Utah, the Aviary will employ the Motus Wildlife Tracking System to gather data on shorebird populations at the GSL. This is a collaborative international effort to monitor wildlife movements using cutting-edge radio telemetry technology. Automated tracking stations will gather data which is then contributed to a central database assessable to researchers worldwide.

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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 for September-October

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

With autumn waning and winter approaching, we have less daylight for birdwatching, but, on the plus side, the birds become easier to view with the loss of the fall foliage. I love this time of year for spotting all those nests that were obscured by the dense leaves of summer.

It is time to plan for the holiday happenings and hopefully make time for participation in one of our annual *Christmas Bird Counts*. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the changing seasons and spend time outdoors with other bird lovers.

On October 10, GSLA held its annual Fall Forum in-person for the first time since 2019! It was great to visit and talk to our members. Much thanks to Erica Marken for organizing a fantastic program in which University of Utah Professor of Biology Don Feener presented *Not Just Bird Food: An Appreciation of Insects with a Comparison to Birds*. It was an entertaining and informative event and I think Dr. Feener converted several of us into entomophiles.

GSLA extends a thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the construction and replacement of fifty bluebird boxes in Strawberry Valley this past September. The work in the field to replace the old boxes and poles was hard work, and we appreciate the effort provided by everyone who contributed to this project.

More Than Just Preening

Story and Photo by Klaus Bielefeldt, Birder



Birds spend quite a bit of time and effort preening their feathers to keep them healthy and functional. So, it is a common sight. In the case of this Tree Swallow, it allowed me to watch it and take pictures without the bird flying in and out of focus.

Having raised their chicks and facing the strenuous task of migration, many migratory species, such as the Tree Swallow, go through their annual molt. Thus, preening went beyond the typical maintenance for this pictured Tree Swallow, as it ended up with another species' flight feather in its beak. Curious!

While Tree Swallow use feathers as nesting material in their cavities, they do not use their own. More importantly, nesting season is clearly over. It is likely a mere coincidence rather than a purposeful behavior that this swallow has a feather in its beak. I could not find information referencing it for swallows or other birds.

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 visit the [website](#).



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.

Save the Date For Basin & Range 2024

Great Salt Lake Audubon is hosting the 40th Annual Basin & Range Weekend Seminar **June 7 to 9** at **East Canyon Reservoir**. We have reserved a group campsite with one large and one small pavilion. There is space for self-contained camper vans, but no hookups. A large field provides space for tents. We currently have three instructors with sessions focused on birds, and a reptile expert. We are looking for a plant instructor and a geologist. Let us know if you are interested.

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Details will be provided in upcoming newsletters and GSLA email blasts.

B&R Coordinators:

Jeanne Le Ber (jeanne.leber@utah.edu)

Nancy Lombardo (n.lombardo@comcast.net)

Measuring Light Pollution in the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem

by Lia Rabellino, Utah Valley University Graduate

Early last fall, I was seeking a partnership for my Integrated Studies (IS) senior capstone project at [Utah Valley University](#). I reached out to Great Salt Lake Audubon whose mission aligns with my area of interest. I was directed to Jacqueline Sundstrand who leads the [GSLA's Dark Skies Initiative](#). Our first meeting was a whirlwind of thoughts, ideas, and excitement about the potential for meaningful projects.

After some discussion, Jacqueline and I decided it would be valuable to implement a protocol for measuring light pollution somewhere in the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Our main question: could long term documentation of artificial light at night (ALAN) ultimately help protect the birds, habitat, and other critters?

Heidi Hoven, Conservation Specialist for the [Gillmor Sanctuary](#) and a board member of the International Dark Sky Association, Utah Chapter, became an integral part of our team. We approached Heidi about the possibility of monitoring ALAN in the sanctuary. The Gillmor Sanctuary is located at the south end of Great Salt Lake and is being encroached upon by development. Her support for our proposal allowed us to move forward with the creation of a long-term monitoring plan. Our goal was to provide an affordable, easily implementable methodology of collecting data for continued ALAN monitoring that could be used in the sanctuary and shared with other organizations or individuals interested in documenting light pollution. We selected a handheld sky quality meter (SQM) used by astronomers and citizen scientists across the globe, interviewed industry experts, wrote procedural instructions, and implemented our monitoring plan.

Since implementing the monitoring plan we have taken two sets of measurements at the sanctuary, begun building a database to store the data, and shared our research with the dark sky community at an internationally attended dark sky conference. Attending the [ALAN 2023 conference](#), allowed me to connect with other researchers and bring back ideas to share with the team. We have also created an opportunity to have a new student join the project by assisting with taking measurements, managing data, and having the freedom to expand this project with a fresh perspective. We look forward to identifying trends in ALAN at the sanctuary as we continue taking measurements in the coming months.

Partnering with GSLA, Jacqueline, and Heidi allowed me to complete a capstone project that far exceeded my expectations. I am thankful for the lessons I learned, and for the relationships that developed through this process. This project was made possible with the support of my advisors, Drs. Jessica A. Cusick, Michael C. Rotter, Kim Abunuwara, and Scott Abbott, and funding awarded by GSLA, Utah Valley University's Integrated Studies Department, and the Department of Biology.



Calendar of Field Trips & Events for November–December 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, November 1—8:00–Noon

Mountain Dell Rec Area, Parleys Canyon—M P/U R
Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182 (text)

Email: 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.

Sunday, November 5—7:00–Noon

Wasatch Back Reservoirs—E

Leader: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805 (talk & text)

Email: imbatterman@gmail.com

On this visit to East Canyon and Rockport reservoirs expect to see loons, scoters, swans, unusual geese, other waterfowl, and gulls. Be prepared for muddy conditions. We may visit Echo and Deer Creek reservoirs. Meet on the west side of the Smith's Marketplace parking lot on 3300 South near the I-215 entrance at 7:00 AM. Contact Ian if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, November 8—8:00–11:00 AM

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

Leader: Jeanne Le Ber—801.230.4373

Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu

Bird along the river on paved and unpaved paths. Meet in the Day-Riverside Library parking lot at 1575 West 1000 North.
Contact Jeanne if you plan to attend.

Sunday, November 12—7:30–11:00 AM

City Creek Canyon—B M P/U R

Leader: Charles Hurd—801.502.9498

Email: charlesehurd91@gmail.com

City Creek Canyon is a riparian oasis bordering downtown Salt Lake City. Birds include wintering passerines and raptors. Meet at the gate to the upper canyon off of Bonneville Boulevard. *See map.*
Contact Charles if you plan to attend.

Saturday, November 18—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

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.

Tuesday, November 21—7:00–8:30 PM

Birds 'n Bites—*Listening to the Dark Skies Along the Great American Flyway* with Professor Cin-Ty Lee.

See page 1 for details.

Monday, November 27—Dawn–1:00 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, November 28—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.

Sunday, December 3—8:30–11:30 AM

Redwood Trailhead Park—E L P

Leader: Cooper Farr—785.764.9592

Email: Cooperf@tracyaviary.org

Bird along the Jordan River. Expect waterfowl, wintering songbirds and raptors. The trail is mostly paved and flat. Park on 2320 South just east of 1070 West and meet the group at the park entrance.
See map. Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

Saturday, December 9—8:00–11:00 AM

Practice field trip in preparation for SLC-CBC—E P/U R

Leader: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805 (talk & text)

Email: imbatterman@gmail.com

This trip is planned to encourage beginning birders and folks who have never participated in a CBC to join a count. We stroll along the river, counting and identifying all the birds that we see as if we were conducting an official CBC. It's fun, easy, and often there are good birds to see up close. Meet at the Little Confluence Trailhead parking lot, 677 East 4800 South in Murray (the southwest parking lot) *See map.*
Contact Ian if you plan to attend.

(Field Trips and Events continued from page 4)

Saturday, December 16—All Day

Salt Lake City Christmas Bird Count

Count Coordinator: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805

Email: imbatterman@gmail.com

'Tis the season to go birding! Starting times and locations are determined by team leaders. The post-count potluck social with team reports, count tally, and door prizes is at 6:00 PM at the Tracy Aviary. Please bring a dish to share and your own utensils and plates. Contact Ian Batterman (email or text preferred) as soon as possible if you plan to participate. See page 7 for details.

Tuesday, December 26—Dawn—1:00 PM

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E

Leader: Bryant Olsen

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

See November 28 field trip for details.

Monday, January 1—All Day

Jordan River Christmas Bird Count

Count Coordinator: Jeanne Le Ber

Email: jeanne.leber@utah.edu

Contact Jeanne Le Ber if you plan to participate or if you need more information. See page 7 for details.

Installing Bird Boxes at FBWMA

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

Great Salt Lake Audubon has been in conversation with staff at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center at Farmington Bay about bird-window collisions. Ornithology students from Farmington High School did a survey this past spring to document bird strikes at the Education Center. From their work, it appears that most window strikes are by Tree Swallow. GSLA suggested that drawing the swallows away from the windows by offering nest boxes might help.

Tim Rule constructed 12 bird boxes from reclaimed wood. On Friday, October 13 a small group of folks gathered at the Education Center to install the boxes. A big thank you to the FBWMA staff who placed the posts and to the volunteers who assisted. We'll let you know next spring if the boxes help the situation between birds and windows.



Ray, Victoria, Tim, & Ashley installing box at FBWMA. Photos by Jeanne Le Ber



Thanks to Bluebird Box Construction Team

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

After the spring bluebird box field trip, it was determined that major work needed to be done on the Per Fluge Langeland Bluebird Box Trail in Strawberry Valley. Many of the boxes were in pieces and the u-posts holding up the boxes did not provide adequate support. An ad hoc team formed on the spot and decided that 50 of the 100 boxes and poles needed to be replaced.

Patrick Watson took on the task of seeking donations for needed supplies from various local businesses including Lowe's (Murray and Salt Lake), Home Depot (Brickyard, Salt Lake, West Valley), and Tractor Supply (Woods Cross). Tim Rule selected the box pattern from the North American Bluebird Society website, and Nick D'Alessandro and John Hill cut the wood to specification. Fifty boxes were constructed over a period of two days in John's backyard. Tim provided a custom rig that helped make assembling box parts easier. John numbered all the boxes with a three-inch stencil. The team agreed that t-posts would provide sturdy support for the boxes, which were attached using conduit clamps.



Right top picture: construction team members John Hill, Nancy Lombardo, Tim Rule, Nick & Julie D'Alessandro (not pictured Jeanne Le Ber and Ray Smith).

Right middle picture: September 23 workday in Strawberry Valley. Pounders and attachers Patrick & Miles Watson, Joy Emory, Bonnie Fletcher, Knute Rife, Ray Smith (hidden), Jeanne Le Ber, Tim Rule, Dan Strauch, Nick and Julie.

Bottom picture left: Patrick Watson installing box #18 using conduit clamp.

Bottom picture right: Ray Smith and Nancy Lombardo with completed boxes.



Thank You to Steven Erickson

by Heather Dove, GSLA President

Steve Erickson has been the Utah Audubon Council's (UAC) policy advocate since 2009. As a coalition of the five Audubon-affiliated chapters in Utah, UAC has had the privilege of working with and benefiting from the most seasoned and dedicated activist in Utah. Regrettably, Steve is retiring and will not be representing us on Capitol Hill this coming legislative session. I sat down with Steve to review his career.

When Steve moved to Utah in 1974, he worked for Salt Lake County on recreation and social programs, and ran the local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. As a result, Steve began interacting with policy makers and legislators. He started a consulting business working on many important issues for the next four decades.

From 1979–1981, Steve worked with other activists to defeat the Department of Defense's plan to install MX missiles in Utah's West Desert. He also agitated for the rights of the Downwinders who suffered from the fallout of the 1950–1960 atomic testing. Shortly after that, Steve focused on issues related to low-income housing, homelessness, and poverty. Over the years, he consulted on water issues in the West, most notably the multidecade fight by the Great Basin Water Network (GBWN) to defeat the water grab of the Snake Valley aquifer in eastern Nevada and western Utah. Great Salt Lake Audubon supported GBWN through several stages of this battle.

In 2009, Steve was hired as the UAC's policy advocate and began advocating for birds, wildlife, habitat, and the environment. As Steve interacted with local and state government, he provided extensive weekly updates of the important bills being discussed during every legislative session. Many environmental advocates relied on these publications as well as Steve's valuable advice and informal mentoring.

Steve indicated that his wins in water issues were particularly satisfying. In addition to defeating the Snake Valley Water Grab, Steve listed the effort by Great Basin Water Network (GBWN), UAC, and others to secure solid funding to staff the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to better monitor and manage Great Salt Lake.

As for defeats, Steve mentioned the difficulties of changing the attitudes of policymakers towards wildlife. State interest seems to focus on managing wildlife for revenue from hunting, rather than making decisions based on science and the needs of the environment. He also expressed frustration over the decades-long inaction on pressing water issues that are only now starting to be addressed.

I asked Steve which issues are closest to his heart. He stated it is the anti-poverty work, because it is

the hardest of all the issues to achieve any change in attitude about. All the efforts and initiatives that Steve has advocated for in this area over the last 40 years have largely been discounted, which has resulted in the staggering problems we see now.

Steve says it has been a delight for him to work with GSLA and UAC. He expressed gratitude for being a part of these environmental organizations and for the opportunity to meet so many fine people. He said "I found the experience very rewarding. Hopefully, it's been productive".

Great Salt Lake Audubon expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Steve. He is one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

Shorebird Surveys Return to Fill Data Gap

by Max Malmquist, Saline Lakes Engagement Manager

In August of 2022, National Audubon Society's Saline Lake Program and Point Blue Conservation Science spearheaded the *Intermountain West Shorebird Surveys*. In the thirty years since the last coordinated survey effort, changes in climate and water management have left a critical gap in shorebird data within the interior portion of the Pacific Americas Flyway in North America. With a partnership network comprised of more than 300 participants including state and federal biologists, NGOs, tribe and private landowners representing over 70 organizations, and 35 Audubon chapters, Audubon has led this effort across 11 western states to fill this gap.

In 2023, partners completed the first full year of surveys (spring and fall migration) under the extremes of *weather whiplash*—peak mega-drought followed by record-breaking snowpack and runoff. During the latest migration window (August 2023), nearly 700,000 shorebirds were counted at approximately 195 sites. Here in Utah, many organizations from the partner network surveyed over 800,000 acres at four sites: Great Salt Lake and its adjacent wetlands, Utah Lake, Amalga Barrens and Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge.

Since the surveys have begun, one thing is abundantly clear: Great Salt Lake's value to shorebirds is enormous, supporting 40-50% of all shorebirds that migrate through the region. Ultimately, the partners hope this newly collected data will help inform policy and management of wetlands at Great Salt Lake and across the region.

To learn more about the program or to get involved, visit [the Sageland Collaborative Network](#) or contact Max Malmquist: max.malmquist@audubon.org.

ALSO—Audubon's Saline Lakes Team will be doing a webinar for chapters in early December to provide updates on the shorebird surveys and other work. Dates and registration information/links will be sent out within two weeks.

Salt Lake City Christmas Bird Count

by Ian Batterman, SLC-CBC Coordinator

The Salt Lake Christmas Bird Count is held the first Saturday of the CBC count period (December 14-January 5); this year the count will be held on December 16. The Salt Lake City count circle is split into 14 teams, each with its own leader who determines when and where to meet. Team size varies from 2 to more counters, and the difficulty also varies from easy to difficult.

If your yard is in the count circle and you do not want to count in the field, you can count birds at your feeders.

After the count, the potluck dinner is being held at [Tracy Aviary](#) (589 East 1300 South) in the Indoor Bird Show Theater (east of the Gift Shop) at 6:00 PM where we will review the results of the count (please bring a food dish to share, and utensils and plates if you plan to attend).

If you want to volunteer for this count, contact Ian Batterman (imbatterman@gmail.com, or call or text 920.360.0805) for more information. Volunteers may participate for as long as they want, from a few hours to the entire day.

As a reminder, the CBC is a survey and not a typical birding field trip. The goal is to count all the bird species and individuals in an area, so it is a long and fast-paced day depending on which area you count. Volunteers can participate in multiple counts and participation is free. If you are interested in other count circles visit the [Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#) website to learn more.

Thank you! BOSS Fundraiser a Success

by Jeanne Le Ber, BOSS Event Coordinator

Thank you to the fifty-two donors who supported Great Salt Lake Audubon's 2023 Sunflower Seed Fundraiser. Folks received one 40-pound bag of black-oil sunflower seed (AKA BOSS) for each \$35 donation. In addition, GSLA donated 20 bags of BOSS to the [Tracy Aviary](#) for their wild bird feeders which are maintained at the Aviary, as well as the [Jordan River Nature Center](#).

You can take your bird feeding activity to the next level by participating in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology **Project FeederWatch**. By joining Project FeederWatch, you not only learn about the birds in your backyard, but you help scientists study bird populations and trends.

Project FeederWatch is easy. You select an area to watch birds on a regular basis (you determine how much time you want to contribute), you count the birds, and you submit count results online via the website or mobile app. The fee to participate is \$18 per year. Visit the [Project FeederWatch](#) website for details and embrace winter by counting feeder birds for science.

Jordan River Christmas Bird Count

by Jeanne Le Ber, JR-CBC Coordinator

Get your 2024 Utah state bird list off to a great start by joining us for the Jordan River Christmas Bird Count on Monday, January 1, 2024. This count circle is centered at Point of the Mountain on the Utah-Salt Lake County boundary lines and I-15. Originally established by Joe Leigh, this circle has been birded every year since 1987.

The circle is divided into 8 teams: Saratoga, Jordan River, Alpine, Herriman, Draper, Lehi, Thanksgiving Point, and Jordan River-Arrow. Team leaders are each assigned a section to bird. They invite birders to join their team, they establish start and end times, and report data.

In mid-December, I will reach out to last year's team leaders to ask for their participation this year. If you are interested in being a team leader, let me know. If you want to join a specific team, let me know. And if you want to observe birds at your backyard bird feeder (it has to be within the count circle boundaries), let me know.

Thank you ahead of time for your continued support. Please direct questions to me:

- Jeanne Le Ber, JR-CBC Compiler
- jeanne.leber@utah.edu
- 801.532.7384 or 801.230.4373 (talk & text)

BWCWG Strengthens Effort

by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

The Great Salt Lake Audubon Bird-window Collision Working Group recently met to review their goals and objectives for the coming months. Team members have identified tasks they will accomplish to increase the visibility and influence of our working group related to bird-friendly windows. We are committed to advocating for birds by educating everyone about solutions for making windows visible to birds.

Windows can be deadly for birds. Solutions for making windows visible to birds are available. Glass manufacturers are producing glass that is etched, fritted, ultraviolet coated, energy-efficient and healthier for the indoor environment. Good for people and birds.

The BWCWG is recruiting volunteers to work with us on these issues. Let me know if you are interested and available in joining the effort. The BWCWG needs fresh ideas and more folks willing to help get the word out. (jeanne.leber@utah.edu)

BTW—On October 5, 2023, Chicago experienced a catastrophic event that killed close to 1000 birds. Migrating birds crashed into the windows of McCormick Place Lakeside Center. The reasons were related to the weather, lighting, and window-lined walls.



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<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.

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