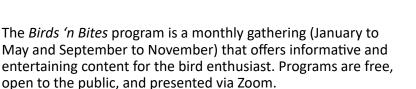
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All *Birds 'n Bites* programs are held via Zoom. Program link is sent via email.

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### Tuesday, March 19—7:00-8:30 рм

Birds 'n Bites: Climate Vulnerability Assessment of the Great Salt Lake on Migration Patterns

Please join us on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation with Zoe Exelbert, undergraduate student, and Wilkes Climate Center research grant recipient, at the University of Utah.

This past year, Ms. Exelbert has gained a deeper understanding of how the populations of American White Pelican and Eared Grebe have been fluctuating over the past two decades at Great Salt Lake. She has examined how climate change might play a role in influencing their population counts, and potentially their migration patterns. These two species rely on the GSL ecosystem for breeding, nesting, and feeding. Understanding their ecological responses to the lake's vulnerability to climate change demonstrates the scale at which bird populations at the GSL are being impacted.

### Tuesday, April 16—7:00-8:30 рм

Birds 'n Bites: The Spark Bird Project

Please join us on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM for a virtual presentation with Jennifer Lodi-Smith, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology at Canisius University in Buffalo, New York.

A *spark bird* is a term for the bird, moment, or experience that hooks someone into their passion for birding. The Spark Bird Project leverages the tools of psychological science to study spark bird stories to engage people in bird conservation.

Dr. Lodi-Smith, Ph.D., uses mixed methods research to study identity development. She is associate editor of the *Journal of Personality*, a board member for Friends of Reinstein Woods, and mentors the Western NY Young Birders Club. Her spark birds are her kiddos who helped her notice birds and then fall in love with birding. Since then, she has had transformative moments with a fledgling owl, chickadees, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Atlantic Puffin, and a friendly Black-throated Green Warbler.

# Support the GSL Collaborative



The Great Salt Lake Collaborative (GSLC) is a group of a dozen Utah newsrooms, plus education and civic organizations, who work together to cover the shrinking Great Salt Lake (GSL). Collectively the GSLC shines a brighter light on what is happening to the GSL.

In the two years since forming, GSLC has shown how the crisis facing GSL puts our public health, environment, and economy at risk. The GSLC has uncovered evidence-based solutions so that Utahns understand that GSL can be saved—and how to do it. Utahns now care about a lake they once dismissed as wasted water and are demanding elected leaders take action. Since GSLC formed, law-makers have done more for GSL than ever before.

The Collaborative needs your financial support to keep the public and policymakers focused on getting water to GSL. You can make a tax-deductible donation using the above QR Code or visit the webpage. *The Salt Lake Tribune* acts as the fiscal sponsor for the GSLC. All donations made to the Collaborative go directly to support the work of the GSLC. Please mail your donation to: Great Salt Lake Collaborative/% The Salt Lake Tribune /90 South 400 West Suite 600/Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

Great Salt Lake Audubon will match all donations made by Wednesday, May 15 up to \$10,000. Thank you for supporting this vital effort to advocate for Great Salt Lake.

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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 selfsupporting. 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 January–February**

by Leah Richardson, GSLA Secretary

If you are like me, you are relishing the extra daylight we are getting and spending more time in the outdoors. With spring approaching, it is a great time to plan bird outings and field trips. John Middleton has some exciting trips scheduled in the next few months, so be sure to read through the list in this newsletter (pages 4-5).

Now that the 2024 legislative session is coming to an end, I want to mention what a wonderful job Dan Strauch has done tracking legislative updates. We can thank Dan for keeping us informed and letting us know when we need to get involved to affect change. This is especially important this year as we want to support bills that protect the Great Salt Lake and voice opposition to those that would negatively impact GSL and our environment.

GSLA has some new volunteers focusing on key projects such as reducing bird-window collisions and educating the public about bird friendly plants. Look for updates on these projects as we develop more tools and programming to address these topics.

Mark your calendar for the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival (May 16-19), and for our annual summer Basin and Range Weekend Seminar (June 7-9) at East Canyon State Park. Spring migration and warm weather are on the way, so don't fret.

Happy birding and thanks for supporting GSLA!

# From the Editor

Dear Reader,

GSLA has three interconnected initiatives that advocate for the birds. While good for birds, these programs also create a healthy environment for people. Join us!

Isabel Ritrovato has been promoting native plants appropriate for our local landscapes. Native plants attract and protect birds while making your yard beautiful and reducing water, pesticide, and herbicide use.

Jacqueline Sundstrand leads the Dark Skies Initiative. Reducing light pollution reduces distractions for birds, but can also improve human sleep, and lessen fatigue, headaches, stress, anxiety, and other health problems.

The Bird-window Collision Working Group advocates for the use of bird-friendly glass in all new buildings. Birdfriendly glass prevents bird deaths, but also provides health and economic benefits for human residents.

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

Jeanne

# 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. As of February, the program needs 100 more plates to succeed. The GSL is counting on you!

# 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 two pavilions. There is space for self-contained camper vans, but no hookups. A large field provides space for tents. Our field instructors for birds include Ian Batterman, John Middleton, and Weston Smith. Geology instructor is Brian Jones, and reptiles will be taught by Chris Frauenhofer. A special session is being developed for children less than 12-years of age.

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)

# **Education News**

by Lianna Lopez, GSLA Board



Fledglings Club is BACK! Do you have a young birder in your life? Are you looking for fun outdoor activities to do with your children or grandchildren? The GSLA

Fledglings Club is resuming its monthly meet-ups! The Fledgling Club is for kids (ages three to eight) who have an interest in birds and other wildlife. Children will be given the opportunity to learn about our local wildlife and ecosystems. Activities and information are geared towards young children, but all ages are welcome.

March 16—Wonderbloom Nature Playschool

at 1580 Vine St, Murray from 10:00-11:30 AM Learn about Spring Migration, do observational drawings, and go for a bird walk along the Murray Canal Trail.

April 6—Wonderbloom Nature Playschool at

1580 Vine St, Murray from 10:00-11:30 AM Celebrate Dark Skies Week! Learn about nocturnal animals, why dark skies matter, what you can do to protect dark skies and make window decorations to prevent birds from hitting your windows at home.

#### Other fun family friendly events

**April 13**—the Kaysville Library hosts Earth Stewardship Event from 10:30 AM—1:00 PM. **April 20-21**—Tracy Aviary's Party For The Planet

Contact Lianna for more information: education@greatsaltlakeaudubon.org.

# **Gillmor Sanctuary Spring Work Days**

Join Gillmor Sanctuary staff to help with hands-on projects that improve bird habitat. The sanctuary is located along the southern shore of Great Salt Lake, and provides vital habitat to vast numbers of shorebirds, waterfowl, and other migratory birds. Sign up for one or two days—it's free! Registration and more information is available at https://buff.ly/3SvSsWc.

When: April 19 and 20

Тіте: 8:00 ам- 12:30 рм

**Meeting Place:** Notified upon registration, self-drive, and carpool

What to bring: Water, snacks, warm layers, boots, gardening gloves, bug and sun protection, binoculars Age group: 12 years and up

Difficulty: Similar to garden work

**Registration required:** *https://buff.ly/3SvSsWc* 

# Audubon Native Plants Database

Bring more birds to your home with native plants. Use the Audubon native plants database to easily determine the plants best suited for your yard. Visit the website at https://www. audubon.org/native-plants, enter your zip code and let the magic begin. The resulting list of plants includes a list of birds that benefit from each plant. Click on the Local Resources tab to locate a nursery near you where you can purchase these plants. Native plants require less water, fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides-all beneficial for people and our environment.



### Calendar of Field Trips & Events for March–April 2024



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 rescheduled 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

Sunday, March 10—7:30–10:30 AM Jordan River-Galena Soo'nkahni Preserve, M P/U Leader: Cooper Farr—785.764.9592 Email: Cooperf@tracyaviary.org Address: 12765 South 1125 West, Riverton Map: http://tinyurl.com/bp959398

Meet in the South County Outdoor Pool. Trail features riparian, wetland, and shrub/upland habitats that support high bird diversity. Expect waterfowl, raptors, songbirds, and other birds. Contact Cooper if you plan to attend.

Saturday, March 16—7:30 AM—Noon Utah Lake Parkway Trail, Loch Lomond —E L P/U Leader: Charles Hurd—801.502.9498 Email: charlesehurd91@gmail.com Map: http://tinyurl.com/5ybpvr4b

Expected birds include Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl, American Kestrel, ducks, gulls, raptors, & passerines. Dress warmly with footwear for snow or mud. Contact Charles if you plan to attend.

Saturday, March 16—10:00–11:30 AM GSLA Fledglings Club. See page 3 for event details.

**Tuesday, March 19—7:00–8:30** PM Birds 'n Bites—*Climate Vulnerability Assessment of the Great Salt Lake on Migration Patterns.* See page 1.

Wednesday, March 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* Address: 1575 West 1000 North

Bird along the river on paved and unpaved paths. Meet in the parking lot. Contact Jeanne.

Saturday, March 23—8:00–11:00 AM Bountiful Pond—B E L P/U R Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182 Email: *john.middleton0@gmail.com* Address: 1275 West 1600 North, Woods Cross Map: https://goo.gl/maps/2HD2LjQQqTFcV1Zn7

Meet in the parking lot. Expect waterfowl, gulls, and other migrating birds. Contact John if you plan to attend.

# Saturday, March 23—2:00–4:00 PM

Acopian BirdSavers Workshop at Jordan River Nature Center (1125 West 3300 South, SSL) See page 6 for event details.

Monday, March 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.

#### Tuesday, March 26—Dawn–1:00 рм

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve Survey—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, March 30-5:15-10:00 AM

Henefer Sage-Grouse Lek—E Leader: John Neill—801.231.2019 Email: neilljc@yahoo.com Address: Walmart at 2705 East Parleys Way to carpool Map: http://tinyurl.com/2j4ku5j4

The Henefer Lek is located on the Morgan and Summit County line. Meet at Walmart to carpool, get directions, and review rules for observing birds. Contact John if you plan to attend.

#### Wednesday, April 3—7:30 AM-Noon

Mountain Dell Recreation Area, B M P/U L R Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182 Email: *john.middleton0@gmail.com* Address: Parley's Canyon; meet at the golf cart bridge Map: http://tinyurl.com/yad7wwfd

A largely riparian area with turkeys, raptors, passerines, and more. Contact John if you plan to attend.

#### Saturday, April 6-7:30-11:00 AM

City Creek Canyon—B M P/U R Leader: Vivian Schneggenburger, 801.518.1730 Email: vivschneggs@gmail.com

Map: http://tinyurl.com/3fnfph5t

A riparian oasis bordering downtown Salt Lake City, expected birds include raptors, passerines, and more. Contact Vivian if you plan to attend.

#### Saturday, April 6—10:00–11:30 AM

GSLA Fledglings Club. See page 3 for event details.

#### Saturday, April 13—7:45 AM-Noon

Discover Gillmor Sanctuary Spring Migration—E M P/U Host: Heidi Hoven Leader: Max Malmquist

**Registration required:** https://buff.ly/3w7Da2m Join Audubon staff on a tour of Gillmor Sanctuary highlighting shorebirds and other spring migrants. Some walking on uneven grasslands. Limited to 20. Trip details provided with confirmation of registration.

#### Sunday, April 14—7:00-11:00 AM Yellow Fork Canyon—M R SU Leader: Charles Hurd—801.502.9498 Email: charlesehurd91@gmail.com Map: http://tinyurl.com/k24prz8j

A unique area for birding, with a mix of mountain and desert species. This is a strenuous hike, so plan accordingly with water, snacks, and proper footwear for mud/snow. Meet at the trailhead (see map). Contact Charles if you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, April 16—7:00–8:30** PM Birds 'n Bites—*The Spark Bird Project.* See page 1 for details.

Wednesday, April 17—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*. See March 20 for details.

Saturday, April 20—7:30–11:00 AM Dimple Dell Regional Park, B E L M R Leader: Dan Strauch—385.488.3303

#### Email: strauchmail@yahoo.com Address: 2765 Dimple Dell Road, Sandy Map: http://tinyurl.com/yzzpevux

Bird along the creek and pond for resident and migrant birds, including returning warblers. Contact Dan if you plan to attend.

### Saturday, April 27—7:00 АМ-Noon

Fairfield restoration site and Powell Lake, Lehi Leader: Ian Batterman—920.360.0805 Email: *imbatterman@gmail.com* Address: Meet at Walmart on 11400 Lone Peak Parkway Map: http://tinyurl.com/yuvktky7

Visit Darwin Bundy's property that has been restored with native plants that attract birds and wildlife. Contact Ian if you plan to attend.

Monday, April 29—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.

### Tuesday, April 30—Dawn-1:00 рм

Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve—E Leader: Bryant Olsen Register: https://tinyurl.com/496neaa8 Registration is required to receive trip details.

Wednesday, May 1—7:30 AM-Noon Mountain Dell Recreation Area, B M P/U L R Leader: John Middleton—801.707.9182 Email: *john.middleton0@gmail.com* See April 3 field trip for details.



# **Foraging in Parallel**

Story and Photos © by Klaus Bielefeldt, Birder

Ungulates play an important role in shaping ecosystems. Several studies on reintroduction of bison suggest that their different grazing strategies lead to an increase in plant and animal biodiversity when compared to cattle. Some of the more direct impact on birds can be seen on Antelope Island. European Starling apparently adjusted to their new environment and are often close to or even on top of bison.

Watching for a bit longer I noted, these birds did not look for parasites or other morsels in the thick bison fur. They apparently took a break from foraging and did so on a safe spot, at least safe for them. They eventually dropped down again, hopped around the head of the grazing bison, and picked up seeds or insects that fell out or were unearthed in this process.

# **Stoplight on Dan Strauch**

Utah Audubon Council Bill Tracker

Hello everyone. I am pleased for this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Dan Strauch, a new member of Great Salt Lake Audubon. While I am new to GSLA, I am not a new *birder*. I have been an active birder for 20+ years and an avid birder for the last ten years. A resident of Utah for eight years, I moved here from Maryland. You may be asking yourself what has taken me so long to join.

I spent most of my career in a large multi-national corporation. Last June, I retired as an executive and general manager for a global medical device business. As you may imagine, this was an all day, every day job and left me little time for engagement outside of work. While I continued birding, free time was scarce.

I have always been environmentally conscious. As a matter of fact, I pursued a master's degree in environmental engineering prior to my career diversion to business management. With my available time now, I am excited to become more directly involved in spreading the joy of being in nature and, of course, birding while there. Since retiring, I have enjoyed being part of GSLA field trips and have led two trips to Bountiful Ponds. I look forward to leading more in the future.

More importantly, I do believe that our natural world is at risk. Not through anyone's specific activities but the continual growth and overwhelming encroachment of humanity. I believe re-affirming our societal responsibility as stewards of the environment is an absolute necessity and the means to this is through engaging with our local governments. As my personal first step, I am working with the Utah Audubon Council as the Utah Legislative Bill Tracker. The job requires keeping tabs on the bills of interest and making certain those folks have current information to appropriately respond to the issues.

Thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward to the chance to add to my *life list* with you all.

# The Importance of Dark Skies

Dark skies are important for birds, wildlife, and people. Most birds migrate at night to avoid predators. Artificial light and skyglow can be fatal to birds. Bright lights disorient birds, drawing them into cities where they are likely to collide with windows, forcing them to expend more energy than they have, thus leading to death by exhaustion. GSLA's Dark Skies Initiative is working to mitigate the harmful impacts artificial light has on birds. Research suggests that artificial light *can negatively affect human health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer, and more.* We all benefit from dark skies.

### Join Us March 23 for Acopian BirdSavers Workshop

Windows are deadly for birds. It is estimated that up to one billion birds die in the United States each year in collisions with glass. These collisions happen everywhere there is glass, from the glass-covered tall buildings downtown to the small windows on our houses. In fact, it is estimated that 44% of all bird-window collisions happen at residences.

Luckily, there are easy solutions to make windows visible to birds. Some people apply products like CollidEscape or Feather Friendly<sup>®</sup> tape to add visible patterns to the glass itself. Others hang an Acopian BirdSaver over the surface of the glass. This aesthetically pleasing curtain of hanging paracord lines effectively decreases bird strikes.

On March 23 from 2:00–4:00 PM, Tracy Aviary and the Great Salt Lake Audubon Bird-Window Collision Working Group are hosting a Make-Your-Own Acopian BirdSavers event at Tracy Aviary's Jordan River Nature Center (1125 West 3300 South, South Salt Lake).

Come by anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 PM with the measurements of the windows on your house that you'd like to treat, and we'll teach you how to create your own Acopian BirdSavers. Registration is required for this free event, and all supplies will be provided. Visit http://tracyaviaryconservation.org/acopian to learn more and to register.

# **Mandarin Duck Delights**

Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board

Layton Commons Park has been the center of excitement for birders who recently discovered a beautiful, but exotic, Mandarin Duck living amongst the Mallard, Wood Duck, Canada Goose, and Ring-billed Gull on the pond. This city park, located at 437 North Wasatch Drive in Layton, is a busy urban green space with a flowing creek and lots of shrubs along the bank. Top Utah birder Bryant Olsen indicated to me that all Mandarin Duck in Utah are escapees. Coincidently, a recent Jeopardy show had a Mandarin Duck as one of the show's clues. I got it right!

While I didn't get a picture of the Mandarin Duck, I did get a shot of male and female Wood Duck who were resting on the creek bank. (Photo © by JML)



### **Solutions for Bird-window Collisions**

Birds are dying because they cannot see windows. Whether windows are clear, see-through, or reflective, birds hit these glass barriers with regular frequency. Fortunately, glass manufacturers are creating glass that can be seen by birds. It is best to think about the glass for your project before construction. If your present windows are negatively affecting birds there are products like the Acopian BirdSavers, CollidEscape, and Feather Friendly<sup>®</sup>. Join GSLA and the Tracy Aviary on Saturday, March 23 for an Acopian BirdSavers workshop. See page 6 for details.

### 2023 Salt Lake City CBC Results

by Ian Batterman, SLC-CBC Compiler

The Christmas Bird Count for the Salt Lake City circle was December 16, 2023. It was a record year for participants (142), and though the weather was mild, we still counted 111 species with an additional 8 species during count week (10 species less than 2022, but higher than average). There were more individual birds counted (48,241) than the year before; however, over half of the birds counted were European Starling.

Species highlights included Trumpeter Swan, Ruffed Grouse, Virginia Rail, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Lewis's Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Pinyon Jay, Lincoln's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat, and the famous Hepatic Tanager, seen on count week (a rare bird not usually seen in Utah).

Notable missing species included Cinnamon Teal, Sandhill Crane, Rough-legged Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Juniper Titmouse, Pacific Wren, and rosy-finches. This count also had significantly fewer waterfowl, gulls, raptors, and finches.

A big thank you to all volunteer participants for helping with the count, and special thanks to sector leaders and to the members of Great Salt Lake Audubon for organizing the after-count potluck which was held at the Tracy Aviary in the Indoor Bird Show Theater!

We hope to see you all again for this year's count on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

# **Upcoming Events for Your Calendar**

Saturday, March 23—Acopian BirdSavers Workshop The Tracy Aviary and GSLA are hosting an event at the Jordan River Nature Center to save birds from death due to windows. See page 6 for details.

May 8–10, 2024—Friends of Great Salt Lake Issues Forum, *To Preserve and Protect in Perpetuity: How Are We Doing?*, at University Guest House and Conference Center.

May 16-19, 2024—Great Salt Lake Bird Festival. Registration opens in March. Look for details on their website.

### Jordan River CBC Results

#### by Jeanne Le Ber, GSLA Board, JR-CBC Compiler

The Jordan River Christmas Bird Count has been held every year since 1989. The count circle centers at Point of the Mountain and includes Saratoga, Lehi, Alpine, Thanksgiving Point, Draper, Herriman, and the Jordan River corridor that runs through the middle of the circle.

This year an all-time high of 49 people participated. Thank you to the team leaders and all the folks who counted birds for this community science effort.

As a group we counted 80 species (above the average count of 69) and 46,429 individual (significantly above the average count of 19,062) birds. Nineteen species were seen by only one team and 14 species were seen by all teams. One new species, the Western Grebe, was added to the count area. And, as a group, we spent 70 hours in the field and traveled a total of 277 miles.

Summary of species seen by team:

Team	Team Leader	# Species	
Saratoga	Max Malmquist	53	
Jordan River	Bob Walters	29	
Alpine	Vivian Schneggenburger	34	
Herriman	Ed Leite	47	
Draper	Jeanne Le Ber	26	
Lehi	Steve Van Winkle	53	
Thanksgiving Point	Connie Misket	31	
Jordan River Arrow	Bryant Olsen	45	
Total # of species		80	

Species with the highest individual count were:

- European Starling 33,706
- Canada Goose 3522
- Ring-billed Gull 1381
- Mallard 1243
- American Robin 776

The data has been added to the Audubon CBC database. It takes awhile for the data to be vetted and become visible, but you can access count results and review historical data at *http://tinyurl.com/3t7ftsxd*.

See you next year on Wednesday, January 1, 2025! Hope you will join us.



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- 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

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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.

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