

March 2013
Newsletter



PRAIRIE FALCON

Missouri Breaks Audubon Chapter Newsletter

Thursday

March 21st

**First United Methodist
Church**

Media Center

117 N. Central Ave

Board Meeting

6:30 pm

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm

Presenter:

Nancy Drilling

"Breeding Bird Atlas"

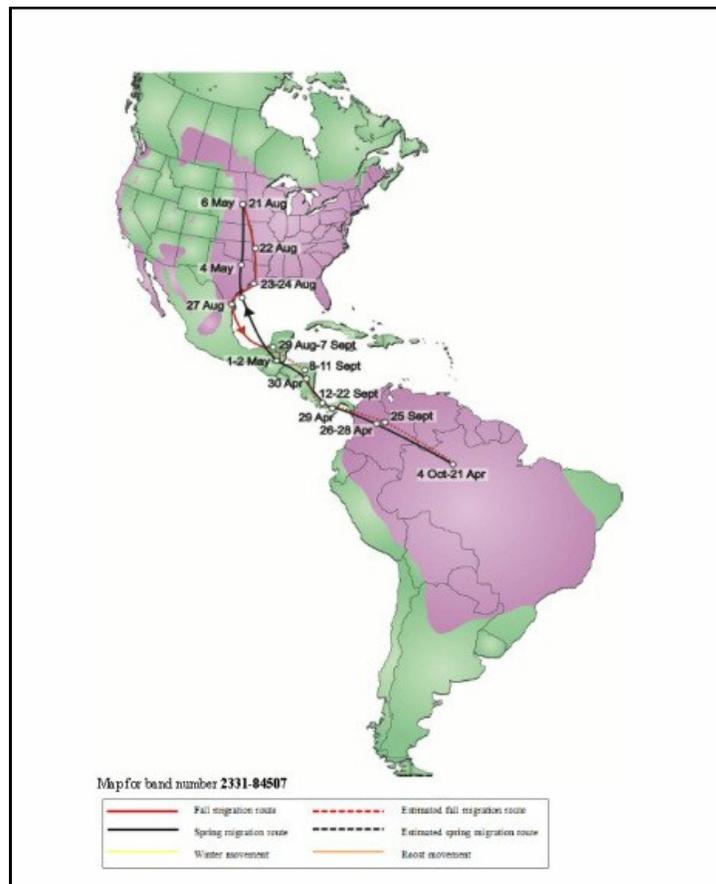
Bird of the Month

Doug Backlund

Western Grebe

THIS MONTH:

Purple Martin Migration



Map courtesy of Purple Martin Conservation Association and York University

The Purple Martin Association of the Dakotas has deployed geolocators on purple martins from a breeding colony in Sioux Falls. The Association newsletters have described bird migrations in the last year. The map above shows the migration times and route of a second year female. She left Sioux Falls around August 22nd, 2011 and it took her 44 days to arrive in her winter home in northern Brazil. The spring migration for this bird started on April 22nd, 2012 and she arrived back in Sioux Falls on May 6, 2012. Which means she traveled 4,450 miles in 15 days! Her total annual migration totaled 9,095 miles! You can see more about these bird projects and sign up for their newsletter at: <http://purplemartinassociationdakotas.weebly.com/>

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Miller man pleads guilty to whooping crane killing

A Miller, SD man pled guilty to killing an endangered whooping crane last April. He was sentenced to \$85,000 restitution (which will be paid to the International Crane Foundation), 2 years probation, forfeiture of the rifle used to kill the crane and prohibited to hunt anywhere in the United States for two years.

"Wildlife is an important resource to the people of South Dakota. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, and the sentence handed down today for the senseless killing of a whooping crane, one of the rarest birds in the world, is a prime example of the enforcement of that law," said Brendan V. Johnson, United States Attorney. "The Department of Justice works hand in hand with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and takes the killing of endangered species very seriously. Let this case serve as notice to anyone who thinks otherwise."

Upcoming Events

- SDOU Spring Meeting @ Wrangler Inn, Mobridge, SD: May 17-19, 2013

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