

November 2012
Newsletter



PRAIRIE FALCON

Missouri Breaks Audubon Chapter Newsletter

Thursday

November 15

**First United Methodist
Church**

Media Center

117 N. Central Ave

Board Meeting

6:30 pm

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm

Presenter:

Dave Ode

**“Lead Poisoning
in Raptors”**

Bird of the Month

Charles Sisk

“Red Crossbill”

THIS MONTH:

Owl Banding in western South Dakota

Northern Saw-whet Owls migrate and overwinter throughout South Dakota and they breed in West River conifer forests. In 2011, Nancy Drilling of Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory began a long-term project to band these owls and find out where ‘our’ owls come from and where they go. During fall migration, she banded 45 owls in the Black Hills and 39 owls in the Slim Buttes, Harding County. Banding continues this fall in western South Dakota. Hopefully these banded owls will be recaptured by other people and we will start to uncover the mysteries of owl migration. (Courtesy of Nancy Drilling)

South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas

The Breeding Bird Atlas is a statewide survey to determine the distribution and status of every bird species in the state. The summer of 2012 was the last year of field work for this Breeding Bird Atlas. There were 433 blocks across the state that were surveyed for birds. Many thanks to all of you who contributed data. After five years of field work, almost 30,000 bird observations, 250 species were observed, and at least 238 bird species were confirmed to breed in the state. If you have an interesting observation of a breeding bird, its not too late to send your observation to Nancy Drilling, the coordinator of the project. Next is the chore of analyzing the data and making distribution maps. To find out more about the Breeding Bird Atlas visit: www.rmbo.org/SDBBA2 (Courtesy of Nancy Drilling)

Amber Stout: Audubon Adventures

Rex Riis has worked with 3rd Grade teacher Amber Stout in providing “Audubon Adventures” to her class. This year Amber has asked about the possibility of our chapter providing more direct funding for her classroom activities pertaining to birds.

We will discuss her proposal at our next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

—Pierre Area Christmas Bird Count: Saturday December 15, 2012

—SDOU Spring Meeting at the Wrangler Inn, Mobridge, South Dakota

May 17-19, 2013

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New Website Location

This newsletter, a downloadable calendar, and other valuable birding links are all available at our new website, <http://www.missouribreaksaudubon.org>

Global Harvest Bird Seed Company (from Keloland website)

A bird seed company from Seattle, Washington is refurbishing an old grain elevator in Roscoe, South Dakota. They will be investing several million dollars in storing and producing black oil sunflower seeds packaged under their own label, "Audubon Park."

Global Harvest has other facilities in Harrold, South Dakota as well as other locations in Washington, Colorado, and Pennsylvania. According to their website, you can locally buy Global Harvest bird seed from Kmart and Dakota Mill and Grain

To learn more about Global Harvest visit their website at: www.ghfoods.com