Swift Fox Saga

A Presentation by Bruce Gill

Smallest of the four species common to Colorado, these insect-eating foxes were nearly driven to extinction as an unintended side effect of programs to eradicate wolves and coyotes.

Bruce Gill, former Research Scientist for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, will present to us “Swift Fox Saga.” He graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1963 and a Master of Science Degree in 1966. From 1967 through 2002, he studied and supervised ecological studies of a variety of Colorado mammals, including mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, pronghorn antelope, black bears, mountain lions, river otters, lynx, Preble’s meadow jumping mouse, kit fox, and swift fox. Bruce is the author or co-author of more than 80 scientific articles in professional journals, books, and proceedings of scientific symposia.

Beginning in the early 1990s, Bruce inaugurated and participated in a series of studies on the status and ecology of the swift fox on the Pawnee National Grassland. He retired from the Colorado Division of Wildlife in 2002, and formed a nature photography company called Wild Reflections. Since his retirement he has photographed over 300 species of birds, mammals, amphibian, reptiles, insects, and flowers. His presentation is based on his research experiences and illustrated by his photos.

Please join us for this special program!

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM — May 10, 2007
Ludlow Room, Fort Collins Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia Street
Social Gathering: 7:00 p.m., Program: 7:30 p.m.
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FIELD TRIPS

All field trips are free of charge (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. All experience levels are welcomed. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Bring snacks or lunch, water, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpooling is encouraged. A $3.00 (unless otherwise specified) contribution per person to the driver is suggested. Visit www.fortnet.org/Audubon for more information. For all field trips and surveys, please contact the trip leader to sign up.

5/05/07, Saturday. Dixon Reservoir. Leader: Arvind Panjabi at arvind.panjabi@rmbo.org or 970-222-4717. 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Pineridge Natural Area parking lot. The woods at Dixon Reservoir are a hotspot along the northern Front Range for spring migrant landbirds seeking to rest and refuel during their northward journey. Migration will be kicking into high gear about this time and we should see and hear a wide diversity of migrants on this trip. All skill levels welcomed. Limited to 12 participants.

5/06/07, Sunday. High Plains Environmental Center at Centerra. Leaders: Silja Knoll and Andy Hall at info@ncbirdcenter.org. 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet in the parking lot of Rangeview One at 2725 Rocky Mountain Ave. (across from the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland). From I-25 and Crossroads Blvd. (Exit 259), travel west to the roundabout at Rocky Mountain Ave. and exit the roundabout to the south. Coming from the west on Hwy 34, turn left (north) on Rocky Mountain Ave., just east of Target. We will walk the nature trails around two lakes looking for waterfowl, raptors, returning migrants, and other critters, including amphibians and reptiles. All levels welcome. RSVP is appreciated but not required. If you cannot find the parking lot the morning of the trip, contact Andy at 970-217-6668. For more info about the HPEC, see their web site at www.suburbitat.org/.

5/13/07, Sunday. Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Bird Survey. Leader: Sol Miller at eagleye1029@yahoo.com. Meet at 7:00 a.m. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for the city of Fort Collins. All levels welcomed.

5/20/07, Sunday. Fossil Creek Reservoir Bird Survey. Leader: Nick Komar at quetzal65@comcast.net or 970-416-7527. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for Larimer County. All levels welcomed. Limited to 5 participants.

5/25/07, Friday. Bird Banding. Get close to birds! Visit Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory’s Bird Banding Station at CSU’s Environmental Learning Center in Fort Collins. While RMBO biologists mist-net, band, and record data from songbirds, participants will have the opportunity to see the birds up-close, learn about their adaptations and behaviors, and gain a greater appreciation for the areas that birds use as migration stop-over points in Colorado. Contact Beth Dillon at 970-490-2610 to sign up for this unique experience! 8:00 a.m. to mid-morning.

5/26/07, Saturday. Loveland Foothills. Leader: Ron Harden at 970-667-3819 8:00 a.m. to late morning. Meet in the front parking lot (along Hwy 34) of Big Thompson Elementary School at the intersection of Hwy 34 and the Masonville Rd. (CR 27). We will look for birds that nest in foothills/riparian/grassland habitat west and north of Loveland, including Chasteen’s Grove, Sylvan Dale Ranch overlook, Greenridge Glade, Rock Cut Road, Eagle Cliff, and along the Buckhorn and Redstone drainages. We will observe nesting Dippers and Golden Eagles. Most of our birding will be near our vehicles. Limited to 15 participants.

6/02/07, Saturday. Soapstone Prairie. 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a sneak peak of the City of Fort Collins’ largest natural area, Soapstone Prairie, scheduled to open to the public in 2009. This Fort Collins Audubon exclusive trip will be a combination driving/hiking tour of the area, which encompasses 18,728 acres of prairie grasslands, wetlands/riparian areas, and scrublands, and where 113 avian species have been identified. Together with Larimer County’s Red Mountain Open Space (13,500 acres), these two properties are integral pieces of the Laramie Foothills Mountains to Plains Project, a cooperative effort of multiple partners to conserve a corridor of nearly 200,000 acres from the plains to the mountains. Reservations should be made through the Fort Collins Natural Areas Program at 970-416-2815. Natural Areas staff will lead the trip, which is open to adults 18 and over. A detailed confirmation letter with meeting instructions will be sent to each participant. Limited to 10 participants.

6/03/07, Sunday. Phantom Canyon. 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Located along the North Fork of the Poudre River, this Nature Conservancy preserve (1700 acres) encompasses six miles of the Poudre River that flow through rugged Phantom Canyon, upland grasslands, pine forests, and mountain shrub habitats. The preserve lies within the Laramie Foothills region, where the plains meet the foothills. This Fort Collins Audubon exclusive trip features a hike to the bottom of Phantom Canyon, 500 feet below the rim. Birds and wildflowers abound and the vistas are outstanding. TNC staff will lead this trip. For more details on the preserve and what to expect, visit www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/colorado/preserves/art526.html. To sign up, call Beth Dillon at 970-490-2610. Limited to 12 participants.

June 8–10, 2007, Friday–Sunday. Yampa River Canoe Trip. Join fellow Auduboners on our annual canoe trip! Enjoy easy paddling, scenic vistas, delicious food, camaraderie, relaxation, and, of course, birding during this extended weekend. See the trip description in this newsletter or on the FCAS web site.

6/10/07, Sunday. Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Bird Survey. Leader: Sol Miller at eagleye1029@yahoo.com. Meet at 7:00 a.m. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for the city of Fort Collins. All levels welcomed.

5/06/07, Saturday. Burrowing Owls and Mountain Plovers. Leader: Bill Miller at 970-493-7693 or 5mcorp@comcast.net. 6:30 a.m. to about noon. We’ll travel to the Pawnee National Grassland in search of these species, among others. The young of both species should be up and about. Carpooling is required ($4 to drivers, please). Meet at the Harmony Transfer Station at the northwest corner of Harmony and I-25. Limited to 12 participants and 3 cars.

6/17/07, Sunday. Fossil Creek Reservoir Bird Survey. Leader: Nick Komar at quetzal65@comcast.net or 970-416-7527. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for Larimer County. All levels welcomed. Limited to 5 participants.
And now for some good news! In the face of all the recent bad news and dire predictions about loss of species—current or expected—due to global warming and climate change, a few good things drift through.

From the New Mexico Game and Fish Department: the Aplomado Falcon has been re-introduced to southern New Mexico.

From “Wired” magazine: “how plants and animals are adjusting to climate change”—birds pushing up the dates for their migration, trees flowering earlier, eggs hatching earlier, fish spawning earlier. Hope it works! And in the Andes, new species appearing in places glaciers are retreating. Of course, we have to wonder how the other end of the life web is impacted by these changes. Stanford biologist Terry Root is tracking these behavioral shifts by rates of change per 10 years or, in some cases, per 1 degree Celsius temperature shift.

From the New York Times (an older article recently sent to me): “Study Shows Hopeful Pause in Steady Loss of Bird Species. Efforts to protect imperiled bird species have blunted a centuries-long acceleration of human-caused bird extinctions.” A zoologist at Cambridge University summarized some programs “making a dent in the bleak scenario.”

While 49 species of birds became extinct in the 19th century, only 43 were noted to have done so in the 20th century, “clearly a result of interventions like preserving habitat, breeding or moving birds, and controlling cats and other introduced predators,” according to Ana Rodriguez.

In an accompanying article, the successes of the Puffin Project on eastern Egg Rock, Maine, are being studied by biologists from China, Peru, and other developing countries to try to replicate the success with other seabird species. The Puffin Project was based on restoring nesting habitat and controlling predators, relocating puffin chicks from thriving colonies in Newfoundland into specially constructed burrows, and feeding them by hand. A live-in summer staff discourages predators. Eastern Egg Rock now has 70 pairs of breeding puffins.

I was a guest of the Puffin Foundation, which financed the project, while working on “Migration Mileposts” at Teaneck Conservancy, a project to restore one of the northernmost outreaches of the New Jersey Coastal wetlands from its former existence as a local construction landfill. The foundation was established by a modest and humble industrialist, Perry Rosenstein, who manufactured high quality nuts and bolts and put his fortune into supporting nature and the arts. Perry and his wife Gladys run Puffin Cultural Center, and support the inclusion of local school children into the nature project in a heavily urbanized area, support major arts programming in New Jersey and New York, and funded my work in Panama at the Nature Centro Tucano with the Achiote project several years ago. Some of my heroes!

Lifestyle tip of the month: unsubscribe from all those shiny catalogs you get in the mail and don’t read. I promised the catalog companies I’d look at their website instead. The catalogs are manufactured from virgin Boreal Forest habitat in Canada, a shrinking and vital habitat.
Welcome to these new and renewing members! We hope to see you at our programs and field trips.

Joanna Fishback  Faye Blanding  Robert Lapoint  David Tippets  Grace Zach  Shari Gingery  Carl Hittle  Frederick Groepler  Barry Lindstrom
Earl Ekstrand  Mary Conway  Steven Coin  Andrea Kiture  Gearold R. Johnson  Erin Cummins  Mr. & Mrs. Bill Friedman  Robert E. Bjornsen  Robert A. Benedict
David Bray  Jessica Kalanick  Shayleen Snyder  Kathi A. Smith  Lyle Hinkle  Patricia Spreitzer  Sharon Smolenske  Ileane Miller

FCAS Members Can Help
The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program Build Its New Home

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program has taken flight, and is in the process of building its new hospital facility at 720 B East Vine Drive, Fort Collins. They are currently constructing the large flight cage to be used in the recovery of injured birds of prey, and FCAS members can help! Work sessions are held every Saturday and many Sundays (but potential volunteers should call the center beforehand so duties and leaders can be coordinated). Work sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but volunteers can work partial days that fit your availability. You can help with tasks such as painting, staining, making walls for the flights—and, of course, clean up is an important job, too. Enjoy the fun, fellowship, and camaraderie of meeting and working alongside other community members who are passionate about our environment. For more information, visit www.rmrp.org or call 970-484-7756.

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Walk your environmental talk—Get your newsletter online!

Would you like to reduce the amount of mail you receive? Use less paper? If you have access to the Internet, you can choose to receive e-mail notification when the Ptarmigan is available on the Fort Collins Audubon Society’s website! The current issue of the newsletter is available online to members only, is available a week or two earlier than the paper copy, AND is in COLOR! If you’d like to receive an e-mail notification, please e-mail your name and address as it appears on your newsletter’s mailing label and the e-mail address you wish to use to sktupper@earthlink.net. Please indicate whether you want just e-mail or if you would prefer both e-mail and the paper newsletter. We’d be happy to accommodate. Here’s an opportunity to practice what we preach!

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Do you really need the paper version?
The San Juan Islands, Washington – 5-day Trip

Date: August 27–31 (Mon–Fri), 2007
Cost: $780 (includes $60 donation to Fort Collins Audubon Society)

With over 200 rocky, forested islands to explore, the San Juan Archipelago is a superb kayak destination. You'll experience the fun of paddling and camping on remote islands accessible only by boat! Harking back to an earlier time, the islands were used by the native Lummi and Swinomish tribes as summer fishing camps. The pristine waters of the San Juan and Gulf Islands are host to over 80 resident orca whales. Other wildlife sightings may include minke whales, Dall's porpoises, seals, and eagles.

Itinerary. Stuart Island will be your first destination as you paddle north past Spieden Island. On day two, you'll circumnavigate Stuart Island and paddle past the abandoned Coast Guard lighthouse with Vancouver Island to your west and a good chance to sight whales. Your third day will be a layover day; you'll do an easy hike to Turn Point situated on a rocky bluff with the Canadian San Juan Islands to the west. After dinner, you'll have the option of participating in an evening “bioluminesence” paddle with marine life that glows at night. On the fourth day, you'll break camp and paddle to Jones Island owned by Washington State Parks, which has gorgeous waterfront campsites. On day five, you'll paddle to the south side of San Juan Island where your trip will conclude between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Trip Logistics. You are responsible for providing your own transportation to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island where your trip begins. From the Seattle/Tacoma (SeaTac) Airport, take the shuttle to the Anacortes ferry or drive a rental car. From Anacortes, take the ferry to Friday Harbor, which accommodates walk-ons and motor vehicles.

How to Sign Up
Our outfitters (www.centennialcanoe.com) will provide all safety equipment, guides, kayaks, and great food. Cost of the trip is $780, of which $60 is donated back to FCAS. You will need to bring basic personal supplies. The trip is limited to 20 participants, so sign up early to reserve your place. A deposit of $300 per person must accompany your reservation request, and the balance is due by July 13. For further details and to register for the trip, contact Centennial Canoe Outfitters, 1-877-353-1850 (toll free) and be sure to tell them you heard about it from Fort Collins Audubon Society.

More details are posted on the Fort Collins Audubon Website www.fortnet.org/Audubon
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Canoe Trip 2007

The Yampa River – 3-day Trip

Date: June 8–10 (Fri–Sun), 2007
Level: Beginner/Easy (flat water)
Cost: $300 (includes $50 donation to Fort Collins Audubon Society)

The Yampa River
Canoe the Yampa River, the last undammed tributary of the Colorado River system. This enchanted river in northwestern Colorado gently meanders through a remote area teeming with wildlife, colorful vegetation, and Indian pictographs. Relaxation is the keyword while camping along the lush open meadows and high-walled canyons through this 34-mile river stretch between Craig and Duffy Mountain, Colorado. Plus, you have a good chance of seeing wildlife: deer, pronghorn, hawks, and both bald and golden eagles. This is the most gentle of the rivers that Centennial paddles . . . canoeing in Colorado has never been better!

Centennial Canoe Outfitters (www.centennialcanoe.com) will provide all safety equipment, canoes, and great food. Our guides from the past two trips, Randy and Becca, will lead us again this year.

How to Sign Up
Cost of the trip is $300 ($260 for children ages 8–12), of which $50 is donated back to FCAS. You will need to bring a sleeping bag, tent, and basic personal supplies. The trip is limited to 22 participants, so sign up early to reserve your place. A deposit of $100 per person must accompany your reservation request, and the balance is due by May 18. For further details and to register for the trip, contact Centennial Canoe Outfitters, 1-877-353-1850 (toll free) and be sure to tell them you heard about it from Fort Collins Audubon Society.

More details are posted on the Fort Collins Audubon Website www.fortnet.org/Audubon
OPPORTUNITY FOR A FAMILY MINI-VACATION!

SPECIAL SAGE-GROUSE MONITORING RENDEZVOUS: JUNE 21 – 25, 2007

Audubon Colorado’s Annual State Rendezvous to be Held During the Same Period

NOTE: The 11 Audubon chapters in Colorado have collectively been donating their annual National Audubon Society collaborative funds to support monitoring efforts on behalf of the Gunnison Sage-Grouse in Colorado. Audubon Colorado’s first priorities have been established to (1) support recovery efforts for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse and (2) support conservation for grassland species in general. To that end, this year’s Chapter Rendezvous will kick off some conservation efforts.

This year’s Chapter Rendezvous will coincide with a Gunnison Sage-Grouse Habitat Monitoring effort. The combined event is being called the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (GUSG) Monitoring Rendezvous. All chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend. The gathering will take place from Thursday, June 21, through Monday, June 25, but individuals may join us for any combination of days that fits into their schedules. Audubon volunteers will gather in Gunnison to work with federal biologists and faculty from Western State College to help monitor the condition of BLM riparian habitats that are used by GUSG during the early summer. This is an exciting opportunity to make a serious on-the-ground contribution to GUSG conservation in Colorado.

The idea for the Monitoring Rendezvous grew out of the GUSG Chapter Collaborative Project that all the chapters in the state are participating in. BLM staff need to maintain healthy habitats on public lands in the Gunnison Basin, a Globally Important Bird Area for the largest population of GUSG. BLM biologists are unable to thoroughly cover all of the land, and they are welcoming our offer to help them in this important work.

MONITORING

On each day during the 5-day period we will assemble 2- or 3-person teams to work for 3 or 4 hours in different BLM riparian areas. Participants will be provided with maps and data sheets and will be trained to use a GPS unit and to take basic vegetation measurements of habitat quality. BLM is especially interested in our observations of birds and other wildlife, and in our comments—as birders—on the general condition of the land as habitat for GUSG and other birds. Participants who have digital cameras will be encouraged to make photo documentation of the habitats. And since this is the period of brood-rearing for GUSG, there’s always the possibility that you may see a grouse hen and her chicks.

This will be a truly unique and rewarding wildlife experience.

While we are giving participants the opportunity to be in the field for up to five days, we want to make it clear that the amount of field study you do is completely optional. Just one day in the field will bring enormous benefits. And if field study is not an option for you, we still hope you will join us for the State Rendezvous activities and any of the evening programs and bird walks.

RENNDEZVOUS

Beginning on Friday evening (6/22) during the period of the Monitoring Rendezvous, Audubon Colorado will also kick off its 4th annual State Rendezvous in Gunnison, with a reception and speakers on the Western State campus. During the day on Saturday, the monitoring activities will continue. Then on Saturday afternoon and evening we will round out the State Rendezvous with special presentations and opportunities for discussion among chapter members from around the state. Throughout the 2-day State Rendezvous and the overlapping 5-day Monitoring Rendezvous, we will also provide plenty of opportunities for birdwatching in the Gunnison area. Evening programs on sage-grouse, related habitat issues, the local ranching community, and other topics of interest to Audubon members will be presented throughout the Rendezvous.

Please check the website www.auduboncolorado.org for details about speakers and programs, as well as registration forms and lodging information as it becomes available. There are numerous motel and camping choices in the Gunnison area, so think about planning a family vacation around the Rendezvous this year. It’s going to be a lot of fun for all. Call (303-415-0130) or e-mail Audubon Colorado (rstromp@audubon.org) for more information.

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FCAS Pocket Guide to Local Birds is now available at the following retailers, who are supporting our organization with the sales:

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PROGRESS ON THE PAWNEE

2nd Annual Target Shooting Area Clean-Up Day

Background: Though the impact of recreational target shooting on birds and wildlife has not been quantified, we are certain that the noise and practice of target shooting scares away birds from their habitat, increases the amount of lead in the ground and water supply, and sometimes results in the destruction of trees and other bird habitat directly.

What the Pawnee National Grassland (USFS) is doing: They are closing 18,000 acres from target shooting use in order to protect some special areas on the Pawnee National Grassland. They also continue to consider methods of reducing target shooting to one or two locations within the Grassland.

Clean-up Details: On Saturday, May 12, 2007, we will reshape the landscape where target shooters have set up large items (and everything you can imagine) to shoot at and reclaim these areas for wildlife. We are now cleaning up areas where we can make a difference, versus those areas overwhelmed by current target shooting practices. We will haul out items as large as refrigerators and as small as tin cans, including kitchen sinks and plastic Darth Vader heads. We need 12 people to donate 3 to 6 hours of time. Last time we had over twenty volunteers and made an immense impact, but we still had plenty of work to do.

You may join in on the activities as you wish. The day is scheduled as follows:

7:00 a.m. - meet at Crow Valley Campground for some bird watching. At 8:30, this group will head toward the clean-up site.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – cleanup. The clean-up site is at CR 102 and CR 41 in the Pawnee National Grassland. Take US 85 to CR 100 (the Nunn Road) and go east on CR 100 about 5.5 miles. Then go north and left on CR 41 about one mile until you get to the junction of CR 102 and CR 41.

Please RSVP to Sarah Proctor at the U.S. Forest Service. Sarah can be reached sproctor@fs.fed.us or 970-346-5000.
Upcoming Trips and Events

May 10, Swift Fox Saga — May Program Meeting. Bruce Gill, retired CDOW researcher, will talk about his research on the status and ecology of swift foxes on the Pawnee National Grassland. Join us for a photographic journey into the life of these shortgrass prairie denizens!

May 11–12, Birdathon! — Fort Collins Audubon’s annual spring fundraiser. For details, see the FCAS website (http://fortnet.org/Audubon/activities/birdathon/birdathon.htm), the September 2006 Ptarmigan online (for last year’s results), or page 6 of this newsletter.

May 12, Pawnee National Grassland Cleanup — Join in this effort to clean up the debris and targets from target shooters. See details on page 8 of this newsletter.

May 16–25, Trinidad & Tobago Trip — Sponsored by Fort Collins Audubon and led by expert birding guide, Bill Murphy, presenter of our October 2006 program, author of A Birdwatchers’ Guide to Trinidad & Tobago, and Charter Member of the T&T Rare Birds Committee. See the FCAS website (http://fortnet.org/Audubon/activities/calendar.htm).

June 8–10, Yampa River Canoe Trip — Canoe the Yampa River, the last undammed tributary of the Colorado River system. See the FCAS website (http://fortnet.org/Audubon/activities/calendar.htm) or this issue of the newsletter for details.

July 14, Backyard Habitat Garden Tour — A tour of local backyards and gardens that double as habitat for our bird populations. This is planned as a fundraiser for FCAS, as well as an enjoyable educational experience. Contact Lynne Hull at 970-416-1881 for more information.

August 27–31, San Juan Islands Sea Kayak Trip — Join us for a sea kayaking trip in the San Juan Islands, Washington. See the FCAS website (http://fortnet.org/Audubon/activities/calendar.htm) or this issue of the newsletter for details.

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**Birding for Beginners**

When: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 8, then Wednesdays May 16, 23, and 30

Where: In the conference room of JAX Outdoor, 1200 N. College in Fort Collins

Cost: $7 per session for FCAS members or $26 if all sessions paid for at once

$8 per session for nonmembers or $30 if all sessions paid for at once

This class focuses on “how-to”: how to find birds, how to identify them once you do find them, and how to remember them once you do identify them. It is also skills-based, emphasizing how to develop good, productive skills and how to avoid developing bad, unproductive birding habits. Frequently encountered and easy-to-find local birds will be featured.

Field trips will be scheduled after the first class meets. The purpose of the field trips will be to apply the material learned in the classroom to real situations with real birds in the field.

For reservations, contact Joel Hurmence at 481-2124, or Kevin Cook at 223-8392 afternoons or evenings
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Membership Application
Join the Fort Collins Audubon Society (FCAS) directly, or automatically become a member by joining the National Audubon Society (NAS). Choose one below:

- New or Renewing Member of FCAS (annual dues) $15
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  □ FCAS may share my name with NAS

- New Member of NAS & Chapter $20
  (Receive Audubon magazine and Ptarmigan)

- Renewing Member of NAS & Chapter $35
  (Receive Audubon magazine and Ptarmigan)

Did you know? Less than $1 of your NAS dues is left for FCAS funds. FCAS serves NAS members through its own fundraising efforts. We appreciate your financial support!

Additional donation to FCAS $_______
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□ I prefer to receive the Ptarmigan via the FCAS website. Please e-mail me when posted.

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