



# “Bird-day Party”!

**Sept. 26-28, 2014**

Laramie County Community College  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

<http://home.lonetree.com/audubon/>

**Everyone interested in birds is welcome!**

**Presentations / Children’s Activities / Silent Auction**

**Banquet: John Fitzpatrick, Cornell Lab of Ornithology**

**Audubon Rockies: breakfast & roundtable Sunday morning**



**Schedule**/all activities take place at LCCC; field trip starts at LCCC parking lot

## Friday

6-9 p.m. **Reception**—light refreshment

7-8 p.m. **Be a Habitat Hero** - Connie Holsinger,  
Audubon Rockies—no registration necessary.

## Saturday

7 a.m. **Field Trip—Wyoming Hereford Ranch—**  
Ted Floyd, American Birding Association

**10 a.m.—noon —Adventures with Audubon: Explor-  
ing Wildlife (K-8th grade),** Rene Hansen, Audubon  
Rockies, and Paul Smith Children’s Village

10 a.m. —**Advanced Warbler ID--for Beginners &  
All the Rest of Us**—Ted Floyd, American Birding Assoc.

11 a.m.— **Bird and bat diversity: Why this many  
species?**—Brian Barber, UW Biodiversity Institute

Noon—**Lunch—Moving Conservation Forward  
through Partnerships**—Alison Holloran, Audubon Rockies

**2—4 p.m. —Adventures with Audubon: Exploring Wild-  
life (K-8th grade),** Rene Hansen, Audubon Rockies, and  
Paul Smith Children’s Village

2 p.m.—**Feathers and Talons: A Closer Look at  
our Local Birds of Prey**—Jeff Birek, Rocky Mountain Bird  
Observatory

3 p.m.—**Counting Wyoming’s Birds**—Andrea  
Orabona, Wyoming Game and Fish Department

6 p.m.—**Banquet— How Birds can Save the  
World**—John Fitzpatrick, Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
**Sunday**

8 —10 a.m.—**Audubon Rockies Question and Answer  
Breakfast**—AR staff and Lynn Tennefoss, National Audu-  
bon Society


**Registration fee:** \$10 per person includes refreshments Friday evening and Saturday morning. No fee for Cheyenne—High Plains Audubon Society members, either 2013-14 or 2014-15. See <http://home.lonetree.com/audubon/> for membership form.

**Lunch:** \$14 per person. Deli-style—sandwich makings, salads, veggies, cookies, beverages.

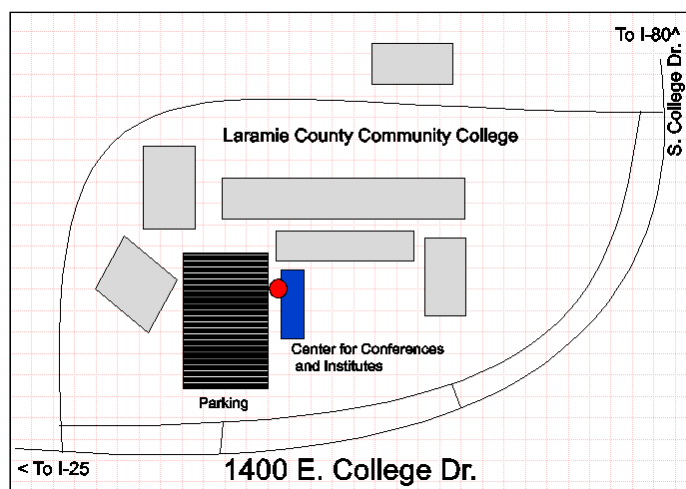
**Banquet:** \$22 per person. Beef Brisket with Chicken Piccata, vegetables, rice pilaf, salad, beverages, birthday cake!

# Meeting Notes/details

## Cheyenne—High Plains Audubon Society

**History** In 1974, dedicated bird watchers interested in conservation issues and education organized a chartered chapter of the National Audubon Society. John Cornelison was elected the first president and has been an active member ever since. Prior to 1974, there was a bird club in Cheyenne affiliated with the Wyoming Audubon Society, precursor to today's individual chapters. There is even mention of an Audubon presence in the city about 1902.

## Laramie County Community College



**Registration** Register online at [www.cvent.com/d/j4qest](http://www.cvent.com/d/j4qest) or send the attached registration form with check made out to Visit Cheyenne to: Visit Cheyenne, attn.: Lisa Maney, 121 W. 15th St., Suite 202, Cheyenne, WY 82001. **Deadline for receiving registration or cancellation is 5 p.m., September 17.** For questions, contact Barb Gorges, 307-634-0463, [bgorges4@msn.com](mailto:bgorges4@msn.com), or Lisa Maney, 307-778-3133, [lisa@cheyenne.org](mailto:lisa@cheyenne.org).

**Meals Catered by LCCC** Refreshments Friday evening, breakfast-type refreshments Saturday morning, and the Continental-style breakfast Sunday morning are included in the registration fee.

Please register for the deli-style lunch and banquet dinner to attend the corresponding talks. If you have any special dietary needs, indicate them on the registration form.

**Accommodations** Look for a listing of motels on the CHPAS website, <http://home.lonetree.com/audubon/>.

**Friday evening "Be a Habitat Hero" presentation** No registration is required to attend this event. Registration for Saturday's events will not be available Friday.

**Wyoming Hereford Ranch Field Trip** Meet before 7 a.m. at the parking lot on the west side of the CCI building to carpool. It is about a 10-minute drive to the ranch, a historic operation still breeding Hereford cattle. The mature cottonwoods and evergreens along Crow Creek are a beacon to migrating birds in spring and fall, especially vagrant warblers and other songbirds. Return to the college in time for tour leader Ted Floyd's presentation on warbler i.d. at 10 a.m.

**Silent Auction for Education** Winning bidders need check or cash Saturday evening. Donations of items accepted. Please call Donna, 307-630-5070.

## Adventures with Audubon: Kids Exploring Wildlife

Jump into hands-on activities, like Fill the Bill and Bird Jeopardy. In the Bird Olympics, find out if you can flap as fast as a hummingbird—or a robin. How does your wingspan compare to different species? Other activities include Fun with Binoculars and the Camouflage! game.

The program for Kindergarten through 8th graders will be headquartered in a classroom across the hall from the main meeting room in CCI.

Children may arrive as early as 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. to noon session, but must be picked up no later than 12:15 p.m.

Children attending the afternoon session, 2-4 p.m., can arrive as early as 1:30, but must be picked up by 4:15 p.m.

There are no arrangements for child supervision between 12:15 and 1:30 p.m.

Rene Hansen, Audubon Rockies Community Naturalist, stationed in Casper, will be leading the program with assistance from Aaron Sommers and Tyler Mason, director and assistant director of the Paul Smith Children's Village at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens.

## Sunday Breakfast & Roundtable, Q & A



**Audubon ROCKIES**

For active and would-be active Audubon chapter members: Join Audubon's amazing network of dedicated leaders and national and regional staff to celebrate One Audubon! Learn about what is going on in the Central Flyway during a roundtable and then question and answer session with your national and regional staff. Learn what they can do for you and what you can do to make Audubon even better. Let's unite around the Central Flyway and see what we can do for the birds.

National staff attending: Lynn Tennefoss, VP State Programs and Chapter Services. Audubon Rockies staff: Alison Holoran, Executive Director; Daly Edmunds, Policy Director; John Kloster-Prew, Development Manager; Dusty and Jacelyn Downey, Education and Outreach Specialists; and Rene Hansen, Community Naturalist.

# Registration form/due online by 5 p.m., Sept. 17 or arrive by mail Sept. 17

**Name of main person registering (how you want nametag):** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CHPAS member, either 2013-14 or 2014-15 (everyone at the same address is also considered a member)

**Check activities you plan to participate in:**

\_\_\_ \$10 CHPAS non-member registration fee.

\_\_\_ Fri. Reception/Program

\_\_\_ Sat. Field Trip

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs A.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs P.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program A.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program P.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$14 Sat. Lunch

\_\_\_ \$22 Sat. Dinner

\_\_\_ Sun. Round Table/Breakfast

Special diet needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd additional party/family member registering:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$10 CHPAS non-member registration fee.

\_\_\_ Fri. Reception/Program

\_\_\_ Sat. Field Trip

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs A.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs P.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program A.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program P.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$14 Sat. Lunch

\_\_\_ \$22 Sat. Dinner

\_\_\_ Sun. Round Table/Breakfast

Special diet needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd additional party/family member registering:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$10 CHPAS non-member registration fee.

\_\_\_ Fri. Reception/Program

\_\_\_ Sat. Field Trip

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs A.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs P.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program A.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program P.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$14 Sat. Lunch

\_\_\_ \$22 Sat. Dinner

\_\_\_ Sun. Round Table/Breakfast

Special diet needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**4th additional party/family member registering:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$10 CHPAS non-member registration fee.

\_\_\_ Fri. Reception/Program

\_\_\_ Sat. Field Trip

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs A.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Programs P.M.

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program A.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sat. Kids' Program P.M. Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$14 Sat. Lunch

\_\_\_ \$22 Sat. Dinner

\_\_\_ Sun. Round Table/Breakfast

Special diet needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration costs:**

\$10 registration per person x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$14 lunch per person x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$22 dinner per person x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to Visit Cheyenne.**

**Please mail check and this page to:**

**Visit Cheyenne**

**Attn: Lisa Maney**

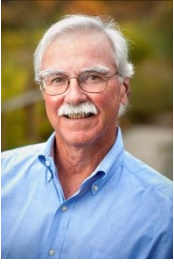
**121 W. 15th St., Suite 202**

**Cheyenne, WY 82001**

**OR register on-line by credit card:**

[www.cvent.com/d/j4qcst](http://www.cvent.com/d/j4qcst)

# Speakers/bios and topic summaries



## **John Fitzpatrick - "How Birds can Save the World"**

Since 1995, when John became the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the lab has been on the cutting edge of the citizen science movement, gathering information through programs such as eBird, Project FeederWatch and the Great Backyard Bird Count. His current research focuses on the endangered Florida Scrub Jay. He also studies systematics and biogeography of South American birds. He is past president of the American Ornithologists' Union, and has served on the boards of both The Nature Conservancy and the National Audubon Society. He's also an author, discoverer of seven bird species, and serves on the recovery teams for two endangered bird species. He lives in Ithaca, N.Y.



## **Ted Floyd — "Advanced Warbler ID--for Beginners & All the Rest of Us"**

Be sure to join Ted for the field trip at 7 a.m. as well as this discussion.

He is the editor of Birding magazine, the flagship publication of the American Birding Association. He has written more than 150 scientific papers and popular articles on birds and other aspects of nature. He is also the author of four bird books, including the recently published ABA Field Guide to Birds of Colorado. Ted's been all over the world, and one of his favorite places of all is the Wyoming Hereford Ranch. Ted and his wife Kei live in Boulder County, Colo., with their children Hannah and Andrew.



## **Alison Holloran—"Moving Conservation Forward through Partnerships"**

Recently promoted to executive director of Audubon Rockies, the regional office, Alison oversees policy, science and education efforts. Alison began with Audubon in 2001 as the Wyoming Important Bird Area coordinator, involving partnering with private and government landowners. Her credentials also include work as a Peace Corps wildlands promoter, B.S. Wildlife Management, University of West Virginia, and M.S. Zoology and Physiology, University of Wyoming. Alison is now based in Fort Collins after many years in Laramie.



## **Andrea Orabona – "Counting Wyoming's Birds"**

Why do biologists count birds? What are some of the ways biologists count them and why? Find out about great opportunities to become a Citizen Scientist, counting birds in Wyoming in a meaningful and valuable way. A wildlife biology graduate of Colorado State University with a Master's from the University of Wyoming in Wildlife Conservation and Management, Andrea has been the Nongame Bird Biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department since 1992. Based in Lander, she is active with Red Desert Audubon Society and is also Audubon Liaison for WGFD.



## **Brian Barber— "Bird and bat diversity: Why this many species?"**

Learn about the history of the diversification of birds and bats in the New World and why we observe the current number of species. Brian is a broadly trained evolutionary biologist studying a diverse group of species including birds, butterflies, bats, deep-sea anemones, fishes, crabs and mammals. His research uses DNA to determine the relationships of these animals. In turn, these relationships are used to ask questions on how historical events such as past climate changes have shaped current diversity. Brian joined the Biodiversity Institute at the University of Wyoming in 2013.



## **Jeff Birek—"Feathers and Talons: A Closer Look at our Local Birds of Prey"**

Find out about the identification and ecology of Wyoming's hawks, eagles, falcons and other diurnal raptor species. We will review field marks, shape and behavior to help you feel confident identifying raptors in flight! Jeff is the Outreach Biologist at Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. He coordinates two citizen science projects in Colorado: the Bald Eagle Watch nest monitoring program and the Dinosaur Ridge HawkWatch. Jeff has worked as a hawkwatcher and bander at several hawkwatch sites in North America including the site with the largest hawk migration in the world, Veracruz, Mexico.



## **Connie Holsinger — "Chirps, Buzzes & Hums"**

Connie will highlight Habitat Heroes' Wildscapes.....gardens that come alive with birds, butterflies and bees from planting songbird and pollinator plants. Wildscapes also reduce chemical usage and saves water. Check out [www.habhero.org](http://www.habhero.org) to discover "if you plant it, they will come!" She is an Audubon Rockies and Boulder County Audubon Society board member. She is president of the Terra Foundation, a private non-profit that supports land and water conservation programs benefitting habitat diversity. She enthusiastically supports the Habitat Hero Project including creating her own wildscape.