

CALENDAR

Please note: Arrangements for carpooling will be your own responsibility.

Accessibility: Walks are no more than 1 1/2 miles, unless otherwise noted. See page 7 for explanation of accessibility codes located at the end of each event.

SEPTEMBER**7 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk**

Buffalo Ranches Trail in Farmington: Meet at the corner of Ranch Rd. and Prairie View Dr. (residential neighborhood—park on street). We will cross the Legacy Highway dirt road construction and walk to the Buffalo Ranches ponds on the west side of the new highway. Leader-Ben/Colin **U—rough surface**

14 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk

Ogden Bay Wildfowl Management Area: Take 12th St. west to 7500 W. Turn south and go to the parking lot at end of road. Leader-Dan/John **U M**

20 Tuesday 7:00 pm WAS Meeting

Maya Pendleton, Staff Ecologist at Ogden Nature Center, will discuss her plan to improve the ONC habitat while keeping the beaver activity under control. She will describe beaver management innovations in use across Utah.

21 Wednesday 6:30-6:45 am bird walk

Bountiful Pond: Take the 500 South exit off Legacy Highway, turn west; then follow the frontage road around and back to the north. A pre-bird walk species search will be held. Meet in the parking lot. Leader-Colin/Ben **R P/U L B**

24 Saturday 8:00 am field trip

Blue Bird Nest Box Cleanout: It's time to clean out the nest boxes so they will be ready for the Blue Birds next spring. This is very important as the birds will not use old nests. We will meet at Smith's (12th and Harrison Blvd., Ogden) at 8:00am. We will divide into teams, if needed, and then head up to Monte Cristo. You need no skills, just enthusiasm! Wear hiking shoes and bring lunch and a drink, if wanted, for a picnic afterwards. Leader-John
This is an off trail hike with some elevation.

28 Wednesday 6:30-6:45 am bird walk

Bountiful Pond: Yes! A repeat of last Wednesday to compare sightings during this migratory season. Take the 500 South exit off Legacy Highway, turn west; then follow the frontage road around and back to the north. Again, a pre-bird walk species search will be held. Meet in the parking lot. Leader-Colin/Ben **R P/U L B**

OCTOBER**4 Tuesday 7:00 pm WAS Board Meeting.**

Held remotely.

5 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk

Little Mountain Railway Trail: Meet at 2000 W 4000 N, Plain City. Additional opportunity: If roads are dry we will drive on a rough dirt road to the Willard Spur to check out the shore birds. Leader-John/Dan **P L**

8 Saturday 4:00 am to 8:00 pm special event,

The Big Sit!: Robert N. Hasenyager Nature Reserve at Farmington Bay, just south off the western end of Glover Lane (in the parking lot of the Eccles Wildlife Education Center). Bring a chair, lunch, water and your binoculars. See more details on Page 1. **R P L**

12 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk

Kaysville Ponds: 920S 50 W Kaysville. Turn south on 50 W off Main Street in Kaysville. Leader-Ben/Colin **R P L B**

18 Tuesday 7:00 pm WAS Meeting**Ogden Nature Center:**

Daly Edmunds, of Audubon Rockies, will talk about her group's Sage Grouse initiative.

19 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk

Two Rivers Trail: Meet at 21st St. Pond parking lot, located at 650 West 21st Street. **P L B**

22 Saturday 8:00 am field trip

Antelope Island: Meet at the parking lot before the gate. This is a fee area. Mostly done in vehicles. Leader-Dan/John **R**

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LearnID by Connor Johnson

Pewee VS Olive-Sided

26 Wednesday 8:00 am bird walk
Willard Bay Nature Trail: Meet at Flying J located at the State Route 350 exit off I-15 North. Leader-Ben **R P L B**

NOVEMBER

2 Wednesday 7:00 am bird walk
Farmington Bay: Meet on 1325 W (entrance to Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area), **not** at GSL Nature Center. A pre-bird walk species search will be held. Leader-Ben **R U L**

UNIQUE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Gillmor Sanctuary Work Days

Oct. 15, 21, or 22, 9am—1pm

Located in West Valley City, Gillmor Audubon Sanctuary is part of the Great Salt Lake wetland ecosystem. It's an internationally recognized site in the Western Hemisphere shorebird Reserve Network, and a vital pathway for millions of and migrating birds. Help is needed with yard work type tasks. We will meet at the International Center Subway parking lot, 5480 W. Amelia Earhart Dr., SLC UT 84116. Registration is required and available at rockies.audubon.org/events then search for Gillmor. For more information contact heidi.hoven@audubon.org.



We Remember

by Sharen Perry

Shirley Lee, a long time Wasatch Audubon member and contributor, passed away on August 2. Shirley enjoyed WAS Wednesday walks, Saturday field trips, and Tuesday night general meetings for. For years, you received your newsletter because she mailed it to you. She fed birds at the Ogden Nature Center and cleaned Blue Bird boxes at Monte Cristo. She enjoyed the Great Salt Lake Bird Festivals. She even climbed the mountains to participate in Hawk Watch one year. There will be a memorial service at Leavitt's in Ogden on September 24 at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wasatch Audubon or National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

Here in Utah we get two species in the genus *Contopus*:
 Western Wood-Pewee (WEWP) and Olive-Sided Flycatcher (OSFL)

When they're not singing (especially during fall migration), it can be tricky to tell them apart. Here are some tips to help!

WEWP is somewhat of a habitat generalist, and is more likely to pop up away from the mountains, while OSFL is more associated with montane habitat. OSFL also typically perches very conspicuously at the top of trees and high bare branches. Of course, both species can pop up anywhere during migration, and WEWP do hang out in conspicuous places. Just use these features to get a first impression.

To learn how to tell *Contopus* flycatchers from *Empidonax* Flycatchers, check out the July/August edition of LearnID.

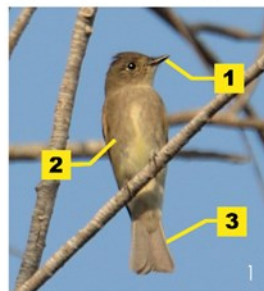
Western Wood-Pewee

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-Smaller, round, "cute" face.

Field Marks

- Small bill [1]
- Smudgy flanks and breast [2]
- Proportionally longer tail [3]
- Typically rounder head shape
- Typically shows stronger wingbars



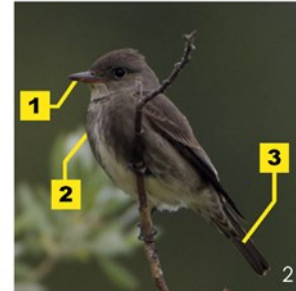
Olive-Sided Flycatcher

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-Larger, clunky, "serious" face

Field Marks

- Large, thick bill [1]
- Contrasting flanks and throat [2]
- Shorter, stubby tail [3]
- Sometimes shows white patches on rump which are distinct



Field View



-Small bill, smudgy vest, long tail stronger wingbars,

-Large thick bill, throat stark white, short stubby tail, white rump patch

Have an ID problem? Send your suggestions to: johnson.connor.pro@gmail.com

Read the newsletter online for color photos!

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