

Rare Visitor

Here are some photos of a rare Black-Headed Gull, a European species, at Lee Kay Ponds. It is recognizable by its dark red legs and bill. This bird was originally found by Bryant Olsen on 25 January 2025 and will be the second state record of this species!



Photographed by Colin Maguire on 25 January 2025.



March/April 2025

Upcoming Events

Meetings and Talks

April 15

The April program meeting will be on April 15 at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Heidi Hoven, Senior Manager of Audubon's Gillmor Sanctuary, on the south shore of Great Salt Lake. She will talk about a community science program that is monitoring light pollution associated with development across the Salt Lake Valley. Join us in person at the Ogden Nature Center, 966 W. 12th St., Ogden or on Zoom.

Field Trips

March 22 - Antelope Island 8:00 a.m.

Meet at the parking lot before the gate. We will bird the Causeway, north end, and Garr Ranch, looking for shorebirds, Rock Wren, Borrowing Owl and Great Horned Owl. Mostly done in vehicles. Take lunch and water. Accessibility: R Leader - John/Dan

April 19 - Lek and Loon Trip 6:00am

Meet at DWR office, 515 E 5300 S (Adams Ave.) in South Ogden. We will caravan to the lek south of Henefer to observe the grouse displaying from inside our vehicles. Target birds: Greater Sage Grouse, Bald Eagle, Common Loon, American Dipper. Take lunch and water. Accessibility: Minimal walking, stop for restrooms. Leader - John/Dan

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival

The Great Salt Lake Bird Festival will be held this year at the Western Sports Park. Registration begins in March – keep checking the website for registration details: www.daviscountyutah.gov/greatsaltlakebirdfest

You will also find the schedule, information on trips, speakers, workshops and vendor fair.

Bird Walks

March 12 - **Clinton Ponds / Ogden Bay South:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Moore's Family Restaurant, 2490 S. 1900 W., Ogden

8:00 AM Meet at Clinton Ponds at 2415 North, between 2800-2900 West Clinton, UT 84015, later proceed to Ogden Bay South if time allows. **R at Ogden Bay, L, U**

March 19 - **Kay's Creek Trail:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Ramblin Roads 1765 E. Skyline Dr., South Ogden

8:00 AM Meet at the trailhead located at 2721 N 2125 E, Layton, UT 84040. Meet at the parking lot which can be reached off Hwy. 193. **R P B**

March 26 - **Croydon Lost Creek Area:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Ramblin Roads, 1720 W. 12th St., Ogden

8:30 AM Meet at Croydon City Park. 1801 N 6900 E, Croydon, UT 84018 **no applicable accessibility codes**

April 2 - **Antelope Island Causeway (this is a fee area):**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Warren's Drive In, 1778 S. 1000 W., Syracuse

8:00 AM Meet at the parking lot at the toll booth **R, L**

April 9 - **Fort Buenaventura river trail to Kingfisher Loop:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Moore's Family Restaurant, 3558 Wall Ave., Ogden

8:00 AM Located on A Avenue in Ogden. Meet at the entrance to the park, walk the trail that goes along the river to Kingfisher Pond. **P L B**

April 16 - **Willard Bay (this is a fee area):**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Ramblin Roads 1720 W 12th S Ogden

8:15 AM Meet at Flying J Parking Lot and travel to Willard Bay from there. **R P/U L B**

April 23 - **Bountiful Pond:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Ramblin Roads, 544 W. 400 N., Bountiful

8:00 AM Take the 500 South exit off Legacy Highway, turn west; then follow the frontage road around and back to the north. Meet in the parking lot. **R P/U L B**

April 30 - **Buffalo Ranches Pond:**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Dylan's in Kaysville

8:00 AM Meet at large white (ball) radar station by the GSL Nature Center, walking to the Ranches ponds from there (over 3 miles round trip). **U L B**

May 7 - **Garr Ranch, Antelope Island (this is a fee area):**

7:00 AM Breakfast at Warren's Drive In, 1778 S. 1000 W., Syracuse

8:00 AM Meet at the parking lot at Garr Ranch **R, L, U**

Accessibility Codes for walks and trips

R - Restrooms available

P - Paved trail **U** - Unpaved trail

P/U - Combination

L - Level trail **M** - Moderately level trail

B - benches available

Announcement**By Susan Snyder**

Wasatch Audubon is looking for a new program director! This is a fancy title for the person who schedules speakers for our monthly membership meetings. In 2025, we will be meeting in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The August meeting is our annual picnic. Speakers have already been scheduled for February, so that's not very many months left to find speakers. It's a fun position, and allows us to bring diverse topics to our members. Anyone who is interested should contact WAS President, Jen Hitt jenhitt@hotmail.com.