

**Flathead Audubon Society (FAS)**  
**Report of Late Spring, Summer, Fall and Upcoming Activities**  
**COCEEC Meeting Fall 2010**

**Owen Sowerwine Natural Area:** Work Day on Sept 25th for local Natural Area and Important Bird Area that Flathead and MT Audubon lease and manage.

**Jewel Basin Hawk Watch:** Contact Dan Casey with American Bird Conservancy for more info and to volunteer with monitoring the migrating raptors near Mount Aeneas. The best count day so far was 376 raptors on Saturday, September 25th!

**General Meeting Program:** October 11<sup>th</sup> features Tom Ulrich and his photographs from Costa Rica. Look for Kate Davis and Raptors of the Rockies at the November meeting. For this year's programs see our website [www.flatheadaudubon.org](http://www.flatheadaudubon.org). Meetings are the second Monday of the month until May.

**Conservation Education:** *Late Spring, Summer and Fall 2010* activities include:

- School, pre-school and community presentations on birds and habitat and conservation education and Education Trunk loans: AWARE program, Literacy Volunteers Summer Family Program, Flathead High School, Glacier High School, Forestry Expo, Children's House Montessori, Beauty of Birds (Whitefish), Somers Middle School, Home School, Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW), Creston Hatchery Fish Fun Day.
- 4th Annual Raptor Day in Memory of Rod Ash held Sept 11 at Lone Pine State Park by Flathead Audubon and Lone Pine State Park with partial funding by Art Ortenberg. 175 participants celebrated birds and Rod Ash's life. Live birds, education booths, children's activities, bird walks, workshop and guest speakers.
- Pileated Post Kidz Korner, "kids sharing nature with kids" on local natural history, includes activities and references to learn more.
- Flathead Community of Resource Educators (CORE) meeting, co-chair this year.
- CORE Education Trunk Workshop, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Flathead National Forest Office.
- CORE *Watershed Education Committee*. Continued work with graduate student Lori Curtis and Committee on Watershed Source Book, includes natural and cultural history and impacts on the watershed and successes. Due to be completed soon! Look for release date and event.
- Winter Trails Day, January 8<sup>th</sup> with CORE.
- Great Backyard Bird Count, includes data sharing between local schools. FAS to "adopt" a new school and continue the coordination of the sharing of data.
- National Audubon and Toyota TogetherGreen Fellowship. Watershed Education and Youth Peer Mentoring for "Finding the Flathead: Discovering the Watershed in Our Backyard." The goal of the project is to increase watershed knowledge and stewardship of the local environment, as well as to inspire personal discovery and growth. The Fellowship project includes 1) education on watersheds, habitat, and wildlife through a unit of study for use in the classroom, as well as in the field, 2) habitat enhancement and restoration regarding native and non-native plants, and 3) application of Youth Cross-Age Peer Mentoring. Field trips in the Spring and continued this Fall with field work at Owen Sowerwine during Work Day.