

**Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day**  
**2010 Theme:**  
**The POWER of PARTNERSHIPS!**

Come join the fun with the Livingston Ranger District and the Livingston Adult Community Education program! Learn more about our fine-feathered friends through *free* lectures and field trips presented by experts in avian resources. This year's theme focuses on the many collaborative efforts that exist between government agencies and non-profit organizations both foreign and domestic. These partnerships between bird enthusiasts strengthen conservation efforts to benefit birds. Refreshments, including bird-friendly shade-grown coffee and cookies, will be served during evening lectures. Field trips require prior sign-up to reserve your space. All IMBD offerings are open to community members of all ages. For more information, call Rachel Feigley, Livingston District Wildlife Biologist at 222-1892 or 823-6064.

*Free lecture series* to be held at Washington School, 315 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Livingston

**Tuesday, May 4 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**YELLOWTONE AND THE MEXICO CONNECTION**

Presenter: *Terry McEneaney, retired YNP Ornithologist & international birding guide*

Terry is back again to share his expertise and experiences! This year he will focus on bird migration between Montana and Mexico. Recent travels have provided Terry some insights that he will share on how and where birds from Montana winter in Mexico. Join international guide and lecturer Terry McEneaney for another informative and enthusiastic presentation!

**Tuesday, May 4 – 8:15-9:15 p.m.**

**BIRDING TRIANGLE - BIRDS, HABITAT, AND CONSERVATION**

Presenter: *Radd Icenoggle, author and photographer*

Birds exist within a complex pattern of habitat associations, and these habitat relationships are key to species' conservation. Together they form a multifaceted triangle that produces challenges when all three cross political and geographical boundaries. This discussion will examine the connections between migratory birds, habitats and conservation efforts. Radd will explore these important relationships through words and photography!

**Thursday, May 6 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**PARTNERS FOR PEREGRINES – THE STATUS AND LIFE HISTORY OF THE PEREGRINE FALCON IN MONTANA**

Presenter: *Jay Sumner, Director, Montana Peregrine Institute*

Jay Sumner, Director of the Montana Peregrine Institute, will describe the most spectacular comeback of any avian endangered species. The Montana Peregrine Falcon population grew from zero known nesting pairs in the early 80's to over 84 nesting pairs in 2009. It was removed from the Federal endangered species list in 1999. In addition, Jay will talk about the nesting habits, food habits, and behavior of Peregrines and conclude by showing his live captive-bred female Peregrine Falcon. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a success story in our backyard and view a peregrine falcon up close!

**Thursday, May 6 – 8:15-9:15 p.m.**

**WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT? MAKING PARTNERSHIPS IN MEXICO**

Presenter: *Vicki Saab, Research Biologist, Rocky Mountain Research Station*

The buzz of hummingbirds zipping across the U.S. / Mexico border reminds us that these species spend part of each year in both countries. Most hummingbirds that nest in the U.S. spend the winter in Mexico. Biologists in the U.S. Forest Service (International Program and Rocky Mountain Research Station) are working in partnership with biologists and students from the University of Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico to understand how hummingbirds respond to fire and logging activities. Vicki Saab will describe her partnership with Mexican biologists studying hummingbirds in pine-oak forests of western Mexico. Come and cross the border with her to view our amazing neighborhood hummingbird species!

*Field trips* will be offered on May 8, May 15, and May 26. Meet at the Livingston Ranger District office, 5242 Hwy 89 South. Bring binoculars, field guide, water and snacks, and dress appropriately for short-distance walking and quiet observing. Times are approximate and depend on weather and participant level of interest. The field trips include:

**Saturday, May 8 – 7:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

**2010 THEME – THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS!**

Presenter: *Rachel Feigley, USFS Wildlife Biologist & knowledgeable field guides, including Robin and Richard Wolcott and Peter Norlander of the Sacagawea Chapter of the Audubon Society and Peter Feigley of Absaroka Ecological Consulting*

Join local guides for birding field trips in celebration of International Migratory Bird Day! We will hit birding hot spots on northerly and southerly routes within Park County and try to identify as many species as possible. Options for possible viewing include waterfowl, migratory songbirds, raptors, and shore birds. No fee.

**Saturday, May 15 – 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

**FIRE AND BIRDS - BURNED FORESTS CAN BE BIRDING HOTSPOTS!**

Presenter: *Jodie Canfield, Gallatin National Forest Biologist with Rachel Feigley, USFS Wildlife Biologist & knowledgeable field guides including Peter Feigley of Absaroka Ecological Consulting and George Kelly, local fly fishing guide*

Fire is the mechanism that creates habitat for a large suite of birds in our western coniferous forests. Research indicates that birds respond positively to fire; many cavity nesters such as woodpeckers, are dependent on these burned habitats. We will visit a recently burned area in the Mill Creek drainage to observe which birds use these unique habitats. There will be opportunities for discussion about burned forest ecology and possibly viewing black-backed and three-toed woodpeckers! No fee.

**Wednesday, May 26 – 7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

**BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION!**

Presenter: *Neil Travis, Master Permit Holder, Federal Bird Bander*

Come and observe a working bird banding station! Neil is back again and will be banding birds at a local spring creek using mist nets. The technique of bird banding will be demonstrated as

participants see birds being removed from the nets, the actual banding process, and observe birds in the hand. Participants may be allowed to hold a living wild bird after it has been banded prior to its release. No fee.