

**FY 2006 Centennial Service Challenge Accomplishment Report  
White River National Forest, Region 2**



Children help White River National Forest biologist with banding of long-eared owl near Rangely, Colorado, in May 2006.

**Project Name: [Forest-wide Avian Monitoring Volunteer Program](#)**

**Resource/Public Benefits:**

- ❖ Use skills of birding groups and enthusiasts to provide information on distribution, production, and migration patterns.
- ❖ Chance to host international and national birdwatchers with viewing opportunities and reap the local economic benefits.
- ❖ Provide wildlife education for young people and community members while helping the Forest Service support local schools and colleges.
- ❖ Work with volunteers to generate local political support.
- ❖ Work with volunteers and partners to enhance cooperation between agencies and non-government organizations.
- ❖ Monitor significant species found on the Forest including Management Indicator Species.

**Congressional/Media Outreach:** Two Watchable Wildlife viewing areas noted in Mary Taylor's (2000) *Colorado Wildlife Viewing Guide* were refurbished; another wildlife interpretive site was created near Rifle. International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) activities included engaging 4<sup>th</sup> grade

school classes in Meeker and the Roaring Fork Audubon Society in the Glenwood Springs area with local media coverage.

### **Community and Partnership Involvement in Project:**

Adult Volunteers  
Black Canyon Audubon Society  
Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado Division of Wildlife  
Colorado Field Ornithologists  
Colorado Mountain College  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation District  
Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc.  
Roaring Fork Audubon Society  
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory  
The National Wild Turkey Federation  
Western State College

### **Traditional Resource Outputs of Project:**

Outputs included 1) two refurbished wildlife viewing areas; 2) one new wildlife viewing area; 3) one scientific publication on Black Swift monitoring results in press; 4) conducted monitoring of over 20 avian species; 5) gathered production data for 5 wildlife species; 6) gathered production data on waterfowl; and 7) gathered migration data for up to 13 raptors and owls.



### **People Outputs:**

- ❖ Developed of a Forest-wide network of 49 volunteers.
- ❖ Provided youth and volunteers wildlife and outdoor experience with
  - Presentations to Western Field Ornithologists and Western State College.
  - Presentations with hands-on wildlife features for Pam's Kid's Day Care; Head Start Day Care; Rifle Public Library Preschool.
  - Outdoor activities and field trips for Western State College; Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation District; Glenwood Springs Outdoor Adventure Camp; Meeker Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders; Roaring Fork Black Canyon and Black Canyon Audubon Societies.

Some of the participants in the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation District bird watching class hosted by Blanco Ranger District wildlife biologist.





Head Start Day Care classes: Woodsy Owl and friend talk about owls.

Participants (8-12 year-olds) in the Glenwood Springs Outdoor Adventure Camp, June 2006, gather for a day of bird watching and invertebrate sampling at Chapman Reservoir, Carbondale, CO, taught by White River National Forest district biologist.



**Partner and Funding Contributions:** Colorado Field Ornithologists, (\$600 for optical monitoring equipment); Donations, (\$200 for banding equipment); EnCana (USA) Inc., (\$5,000 for interpretive signs); National Wild Turkey Federation \$3,000.

**In-kind Contributors:**

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory: 10 days @ 200/day = \$2,000

Roaring Fork Audubon Society: 20 days @ 60/day = \$1,200

Adult Volunteers GS09: 36 days @ 225/day = \$8,100

Youth Volunteers 25 days @ 56/day = \$1,400

**Total In-Kind Services = \$12,700**

**Total Monetary Contributions = \$8,800**

**Forest Service Appropriated Funding BLI amount: CWKV, \$1,000; NFWF \$2,000; NFIM \$3,000.**



**Meeker Elementary School 4th graders celebrate International Migratory Bird Day 2006 with Blanco District biologist with bird watching trip to Circle Park, May 2006.**



**One of eleven adult Black swifts banded at Fulton Resurgence Cave on the White River National Forest in 2006.**



**Evening owl banding during fall migration.**



**Northern saw-whet owl.**