



October 20, 2017

Dear Audubon Friends,

It's that time of year when we ask for a few minutes of your time—to tell you about some of the special “bird” activities that we have done for and with our community in the past year. These are activities that you have made possible by your ongoing financial support.

Your support provided materials and supplies to over 70 LAS volunteers, who gave over 4000 hours of their time for birding education and conservation for our region. There were so many accomplishments this year that we decided to list them on the back of this letter. None of these things would have happened without your support. Please turn this letter over to read this list.

Thank you for this past year. You made all of this possible.

We hope that this list will inspire you to continue your support again this year. If you have any questions or would like more details about any of these items, please call. We love to share the stories of this past year.

Thank you for taking time to read about our past year. And for considering a donation to support more of this great work in the coming year. Without your support, some of these programs may not continue. With your support, we will continue to introduce Nevada birds and conservation issues to our children, our neighbors and our local and state governing representatives.

With gratitude to you for past and future support,

Your Lahontan Audubon Society Board:

Valerie Andersen, Jane Burnham, Ken Drozd, William Fletcher, Mike Goddard, Sue Golish, Cathy Johnson, Jacque Lowery, Mary Luzier, Judy Phoenix, Judi Rettich, Linda Valle
(In alphabetical order)

A short summary of some of our LAS activities for the past year:

- * LAS was very involved in school outreach with visits to 21 classrooms in 7 schools which reached about 730 students and in addition, 12 spring field trips to Washoe Lake State Parks which were attended by over 800 children.
- * In the past year, we hosted 26 LAS birding field trips. These trips are always free and open to the whole community. Last year, approximately 150 people of all ages participated in these trips.
 - * LAS volunteers spoke at many public venues or set up displays at various events including: Galena Creek Visitors Center, Rotary Club, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, Nevada State Museum, May Arboretum.
- * We again taught our annual “Birds of the Truckee Meadows” classes & field trip. We had over 50 students. This year, we offered free classes to all elementary and secondary school teachers.
- * We continued with our popular “Birds and Books” Audubon book club which met monthly during most of the year.
- * We continued with our monthly evening program meetings open to the whole community, featuring presentations by regional and state wildlife specialists and photographers. Over 300 people attended these programs.
 - * We continued with Citizen Science projects:
 - The Christmas bird count in Reno, Carson City, Minden, Fallon, Pyramid Lake.
 - Seasonal bird counts at local parks with Truckee Meadows Park Foundation
 - Student Stewards Program for elementary schools
- * We were active in the Common Agenda this past Nevada legislative session to advocate for legislation to improve the environment and bird habitat.
- * We continue to be involved in planning for Virginia Lake. We hope to participate in meaningful ways as the City continues to improve this popular urban spot.
- * Overall, the dedicated work of over 70 volunteers and close to 4000 hours has resulted in another satisfying year of supporting our mission in education and conservation. With your support we intend to increase our presence in conservation projects over the coming year.
 - * We have also sponsored many activities and outreach that space prevents us from listing here. Please come to one of our program meetings and talk with one of our board members for more details and more stories!