

# Chukar Chatter

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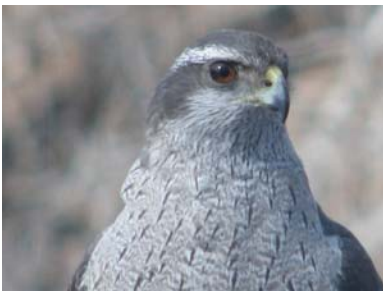
## President Report for April - May 2009

We will hold an election of new board members at the regular May meeting, which will also be a potluck. If anyone is interested in being on the board please call Bennett Boeschstein at 970-241-0944. We will also have a vote on changes in the By-Laws that will be sent in a later mailing.

At the March meeting the GVAS Board discussed the Capital Campaign and the future of the Nature Center during these tough economic times. Are we really ready to build a center without the necessary operational funds? If we had the funds to build now how would we get the funds to operate the center? It was agreed that the primary focus now needs to be on establishing an income stream that will sustain the operational expenses. The most reliable way at this time seems to be to concentrate on funding the **Grand Valley Audubon Society Endowment Fund**, administered by the Western Colorado Community Foundation. The Endowment balance is \$27,429.92 as of 1-28-09. We depend on your donations! Please continue to support the Grand Valley Audubon Society by donating to any of our funds:

•**General Operational:** to support our current monthly expenditures. Contributions to this fund help to sustain our educational activities, our program speakers, the Chukar Chatter, and ordinary maintenance of GVAS property.

The **Endowment Fund** will ensure that GVAS has a future! Our mission is to preserve a diversity of habitats for birds and other wildlife, and a sustainable, healthy environment for Western Colorado, the nation and the world. The Endowment Fund gives us a secure,



long term financial basis to support that mission.

The **Capital Fund** is devoted to bringing long term improvements to GVAS property including the building of a Nature Center.

We will continue to establish relationships with individual donors, foundations and corporations.

Several items were discussed primarily dealing with more educational program as a source of income. I've come up with an idea that I think is worth pursuing. How about installing an array of photovoltaic panels on the Nature Center site and selling the tax credits? I have discussed this option with one of the local PV companies and they are looking into options. Power companies are required to buy back excess power produced from customers' PV installation; they pay about half of what they charge customers. We do have the open space to install panels that could bring in \$30,000 annually. **Something to think about!**

Congratulations to Nancy Spangler and the Education committee! Through their efforts Mesa County will have a part-time director of environmental education for the next two summers. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has selected a two-year project that Audubon helped develop as a part of the "more Kids in the Woods" committee. This project will involve hiring a shared valley-wide environmental educator for the next two summers. Part of that job will be to convene the partners involved and to strengthen the environmental education program in the Grand Valley. The Forest Service will supervise and will probably house the educator. The coordinator will be paid through the Colorado Association for Environmental Education. The grant will also provide bus transportation to the program sites.

We also received a \$4,000 grant from Grand Junction Lions club to purchase a storage shed for education materials on the Nature Center property. Thank a Lion member when you see them.

*Bob Wilson*

# May 18th Annual Meeting Features Birding in Venezuela

John Drummond, world birder, will present his birding experiences and photographs from Venezuela at the May 18th GVAS meeting.

John has birded in 27 countries, covering 6 continents. John has been a leader of a number of international trips covering Bolivia, Jamaica, Japan, Australia and Thailand. John is a leader and member of the Partnership for International Birding. His birding plans in the near future include Bolivia and a return to Uganda and likely other parts of the world. His world bird list exceeds 6,500 species. John has Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Southampton University, England and has extensive field experience on a number of bird studies and has spoken to a number of Audubon and other ornithological groups.

Though Venezuela is going through some political changes, John will convince you that the country is an excellent country for bird watching. John will share tales of finding the Northern Horned Screamer and other fantastic birds at Lake Maracaibo and around the Merida area.

Other interesting finds in the area included Great Black Hawk, Scarlet-fronted Parakeets, Citron-throated Toucan and Cayenne Tern. John birded the Pico Humboldt Trail in the Sierra Nevada National Park where the group found Rose-crowned Parakeet, Grey-capped Hemispingus, and Golden-headed Quetzal. The next day they took a ski lift high into the paramo and found Bearded Helmetcrest.

From the heights of over 4000 meters he descended into the seasonally flooded grasslands, the Llanos area where they stayed at the famous Hato El Cedral Ranch. Over the next few days a great variety of ducks, ibis, egrets, herons, storks, kingfishers, shorebirds and much more were seen as well as endemics that live in the adjoining gallery forest. Yellow-knobbed Curassows, Agami Heron, Scarlet Ibis and Pale-headed Jacamar were the group's favorites. John will also share a few tales about finding Northern Helmeted Curassow and the very recently discovered Scallop-breasted Antpitta. John will cover information about several other birding hot spots in Venezuela and share a number of other photos of endemic and near-endemic species from his travels.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Potluck at 6:00 pm - Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church 3940 27 1/2 Road**

## Book Review

**Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson, by Elizabeth J. Rosenthal. 2008.** The Lyons Press. 25 photographs, information sources, chapter bibliographies, index, 437 pages.

“What is man that thou art mindful of him?” the ambivalent Biblical Psalmist asks about humanity. And Roger Tory Peterson, “the Great Man”, doubted his own greatness. His sense persisted even after his many achievements, wealth, honorary doctorates, highest medals given by royalties and by an American president, and followed by adoring fans. I recall being at Ramsey Canyon, Arizona when the word went up that RTP had arrived. A hush fell on the place as we watched our aged guru contemplatively move about the Nature Conservancy grounds. The hush was both automatic in most of us and admonished just in case anyone might have misunderstood the significance of the moment. I, for one, hurried into the store and bought a Peterson, *A Field Guide to Mexican Birds* and maneuvered to get the autograph. He signed it “Good Birding Roger Tory Peterson.”

*Birdwatcher* is more than a fascinating life sketch. It can serve as a guide to greatness. As a reference book *Birdwatcher* needs a larger index. Photographs, if they exist, of RTP's parents and sister and his childhood home would have been welcomed. However, this biography is rich in history, including natural history. Any citizen of the world with little feeling for the name Roger Tory Peterson really should get this book and catch up with their history. If, as I did, one grew up “with” RTP, the book is a pleasure to read. This is because the “King Penguin” truly was a great man and *Birdwatcher* is mindful of the humanity in greatness.

Peterson often said that one cannot save what cannot be named (Carlson, *Birding*, no. 5, 2005).

Review by Ron Lambeth

## Welcome to the Newest Member of the Board

Meredith Swett has agreed to chair the Citizens Science committee and serve on the board. Meredith moved to Colorado after completing her Ph.D. in Biology and Ecology at the University of Montana where she studied bird behavior and physiology. She is an expert birder and is excited to be in Colorado and be associated with GVAS. Meredith's day job is with the Tamarisk Coalition and is the Volunteer and Education coordinator. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

# Can Too Much Sex Cause Extinction?



Dr. Jessica Young, Associate Professor of Biology at Western State College of Colorado has worked with Gunnison Sage-grouse for 20 years and was the lead author on the

publication that led to its recognition as a newly designated species in 2000. Jessica's talk will focus on the role that the species' amazing mating system has in causing not only the unique characteristics of the bird, but also may be a factor in its

conservation struggles. She will also explore some of the biological and political challenges the species faces in the 21st century and discuss the current status of the species.

Dr. Young received her Ph.D. in ecology, behavior and population genetics from Purdue University and is currently a member of the biology faculty at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. She continues to be interested in Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation issues and serves as the current chair of the Gunnison Basin Gunnison Sage-Grouse working group. She is also a member of the grouse specialist group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and provides data and information that helps determine the listing priorities for grouse species globally.

**April Program April 20th. 7:00 P M  
First Presbyterian Church 3940 27 1/2 Road**

## Grand Valley Audubon Society Annual Meeting & Potluck

**May 18, 2009 First Presbyterian Church 3940 27 1/2 Road**

**6:00 P M \* Potluck bring covered dish, drinks and service provided.**

**6:45 P M \* Annual meeting for election of board members and other business.**

### Offices to be filled are:

- There are several By-Law changes suggested by the Board of Directors of Grand Valley Audubon Society to be voted on these will also be sent out with the notice of election. Term limits, duties of the treasurer and other changes or additions.
- Other business that member may wish to add to the agenda

## Something You Can Do by Nic Korte

**Something You Can Do:** When in Peru two years ago, my wife and I witnessed a horrific environmental/social conflict. We were searching for rare birds in remnants of native brushy habitat in the foothills near Cuzco. Impoverished locals were in these same ravines harvesting the last remaining bushes to make charcoal for heating and cooking. If they don't harvest, they have no source of fuel. If they do harvest, the habitat, birds and revenue source of birders are gone. One solution is to provide more solar-cooking. You can join Solar Cookers International or other groups providing inexpensive solar cookers ([solarcookers.org](http://solarcookers.org) or [solarcookerproject.org](http://solarcookerproject.org) or 1919 21st Street #101 Sacramento, CA 95811). We have one, made of cardboard and foil, and have baked bread and cooked with it here in Western Colorado.

**Something You Can Read:** A great location to keep up with environmental news and commentary on your computer is [www.grist.org](http://www.grist.org).

## FRIENDS OF AUDUBON NOTICES

**Do you want to draw the birds you have just seen?** We all make some drawing of field signs so we can remember what the LBB looked like when we look it up in the bird book. Jeff Pine is giving classes in bird drawing at The Artist's Haven April 6th through May 25th. Call him at 970-640-4552 if you are interested.

**Find out about Birding Field Trips** and other activities of the Grand Valley Audubon Society! GVAS is now e-mailing information to the membership on a regular basis. If you want to be part of this and be in the know...send your name and e-mail address to Fran and Paul Didier at: [didier@cheerful.com](mailto:didier@cheerful.com)

# Outdoor Heritage Day

Outdoor Heritage Day, a collaborative project of over 30 agencies and non-profits in the Grand Valley, will be held on April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Riverbend Park in Palisade. The purpose is to introduce kids and their families to all of the great opportunities the outdoors has to offer, and to provide them with the information they need to pursue those activities on their own. There are a variety of outdoor activities that youth can participate in including fishing, archery, rock climbing, shooting, nature hikes, a hunting simulator, and much more. Representatives from land management agencies and non-profit organizations will be on hand to

provide information and answer questions. Lunch is provided, and best of all, this event is completely free.

It's a great day for children and families and we expect over 600 kids to participate. Visit [www.outdoorheritageday.org](http://www.outdoorheritageday.org) for more details. Volunteers are needed to help with the GVAS booth (we'll have a simple activity for kids to participate in), food preparation (lunch is provided for the kids), fishing, and nature walks. Volunteer shifts run from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Call Nancy Spangler (255-8584) to volunteer or for more information.

## Grand Valley Audubon Society Board of Directors

Since 1972, the Grand Valley Audubon Society has been faithfully served by folks who believed in its mission, loved the outdoors and wanted to make a difference by volunteering their time and energy to further its cause. While there are a variety of volunteer opportunities in GVAS, serving as a board member is particularly important. These folks guide the chapter activities and make sure that the organization meets the quality and standards of the National Audubon Society. Currently, we have 10 directors under the able leadership of Bob Wilson.

According to the by-laws, each year the membership is asked to elect individuals to serve as directors. As currently composed, six of the members will continue to serve their terms, while four of the directors' terms of office will end in May. (As currently described in the by-laws, directors serve for two years; the board is considering extending the term of office to 4 years.) The by-laws stipulate that officers will be elected by the Board of Directors at their first meeting in August.

So why would you...or anyone...consider being a member of the GVAS board of directors? Well, it's an exciting time for our organization. We offer outstanding field trips, we have great educational activities for adults and children, we are leaders in conservation efforts, we promote citizen science and we have visions of one day providing a center for Mesa County residents to learn more about nature and the environment. Your ideas, expertise and insights can make a difference and help guide our future direction. If you would like more information about the GVAS Board of Directors, or better yet, might be willing to serve, please call Bennett Boeschenstein at 241-0944. Elections to the board will be held at the May membership meeting on Monday, May 18.

## Saying Goodbye



**Aileen Lots Robert** passed away March 7th in New Mexico where she had move to be near family. Aileen was well known by birders here in western Colorado and around the world. Aileen authored two books *Birding Around the World* and *Birding*

*Around The Year*. You may remember that GVAS presented her with framed pictures of all seventeen species of penguins. She was only one of a very few people on earth who had seen and photographed that many penguins. Audubon still has copies of those photographs and perhaps one day we can reprint and frame them as a memorial to one of our favorite birders. Good Bye, Aileen. We will miss birding with you.

## Bird Talk



A reminder! Bennett Boeschenstein hosts **Bird Talk** on the first Thursday of every month at noon on KAFM community radio, 88.1 on your radio dial. It's an easy way to keep up with GVAS activities and to hear fun and informative guests share with you the latest happenings in the birding world. We're delighted with the support from KAFM and encourage you to support them!

# Grand Valley Audubon Society's Annual Spring Bird Count



2009 International Migratory Bird Day Saturday, May 9, 2009

Each year *Grand Valley Audubon Society* participates in the International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) which was created in 1993 by visionaries at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Now under the direction of the National Fish and Wildlife Service, IMBD continues to focus attention on one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird – the journey between its summer and winter homes. Today, it is celebrated in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Central America through bird festivals and bird walks, education programs and Bird Day! The IMBD 2009 Theme is Celebrating Birds in Culture. You can read more about IMBD at <http://www.birdday.org/index.php>

**We invite you to join us** in this important celebration by joining one of the twelve teams that will be scouring all of Mesa County to find as many species as possible and to count every individual bird seen.

The count is similar to Audubon's Christmas Bird Count but is conducted on one day, the second Saturday in May. This year's edition of it will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and will be part of the Grand Valley Audubon Society's annual fundraiser, the Birdathon. Your financial support helps our volunteer staffed committees accomplish their goals. **Please plan to pledge in May your support for Audubon projects in the Grand Valley. Send your contributions to Grand Valley Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1211, Grand Junction, CO 81502.**

The goal of the Count is to get a snapshot of the movement of Neotropical species while they are still in the lower 48 states. May 9<sup>th</sup> will not be the peak of migration everywhere, but it offers an overall picture of the movement. **Each of the 12 parties listed will have an experienced birder and everyone is welcome even if you have little or no birding experience.** This is a wonderful way to develop your birding skills. Bring binoculars, lunch, snacks and sunscreen. Each participant will be asked to pay a fee of \$5.00 to help support the work and goals of our committees.

If you would like to participate in the count, contact the leader of one of these 12 areas or Paul Didier at 242-8643.

SPRING BIRD COUNT 2009 Saturday, May 9, 2009				
Area	Description	Leader	Phone	e-mail address
1	Mack Area State line to 13 Rd	Peter Robinson	241-3212	<a href="mailto:peterR@bresnan.net">peterR@bresnan.net</a>
2	Loma - Fruita - Grand Junction from 13 Rd to 23 Rd	Harriet Stephens & Margaret Strange	858-0574 and 241-3043	<a href="mailto:hstephens1@bresnan.net">hstephens1@bresnan.net</a> and <a href="mailto:amegnarts@aol.com">amegnarts@aol.com</a>
3	Grand Junction 23 Rd to 30 Rd and Connected Lakes	Frank Coons	257-9096	<a href="mailto:drcoons@aol.com">drcoons@aol.com</a>
4	30 Rd to 42 Rd Colorado River Wildlife Area; Corn Lake; Clifton Marsh	Meg Cooper	434-0171	<a href="mailto:megbirds@yahoo.com">megbirds@yahoo.com</a>
5	Greater Debeque - Triangle Palisade to town of Mesa and Debeque Cutoff to and around town of Debeque	Fran & Paul Didier	242-8643	<a href="mailto:didier@cheerful.com">didier@cheerful.com</a>
6	Plateau Valley From town of Mesa to and including Vega State Park	Kathleen McGinley	242-2973	<a href="mailto:mcginley@acsol.net">mcginley@acsol.net</a>
7	Mesa to Delta County Line On Top of Grand Mesa	Lee Stigen & Cecilia Barr	241-3905	No e-mail
8	Redlands & Colorado Nat'l Monument	Dave Price	Cell 640-4508 Home 858-0240	<a href="mailto:djprice50@msn.com">djprice50@msn.com</a>
9	Glade Park and Pinion Mesa	Art Smith	242-8916	<a href="mailto:b938ars@bresnan.net">b938ars@bresnan.net</a>
10	East Creek from Whitewater to Divide Road and up on Uncompahgre to Delta County Line	Larry Arnold	263-0115	<a href="mailto:larnold47@bresnan.net">larnold47@bresnan.net</a>
11	Unaweep Divide down West Creek To Gateway, Dolores River Canyon & John Browns Canyon	John Toolen	985-9089	<a href="mailto:jtoolen@bresnan.net">jtoolen@bresnan.net</a>
12	Cheney & Juanita Reservoirs & Lands End Road	Dave & Maureen Smuin and Bob Bradley	S: 435-491-0350 B: 263-4613	S: <a href="mailto:drselk@yahoo.com">drselk@yahoo.com</a> B: <a href="mailto:thrasher@bresnan.net">thrasher@bresnan.net</a>

## Nic's Chatter

**It Doesn't Matter Who You Vote For:** We have all heard this statement. I always counter with; it matters with respect to appointees. However, It is important for all Audubon members to pay attention to science issues and how they are expressed through political appointees. If our elected officials have not appointed appropriate leaders to head science agencies, it is important to let them know your opinion.

I have worked in the environmental industry since the Nixon years. At that time, leaders of the Forest Service and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had appropriate credentials and appropriate freedom to act. William Ruckelshouse, the head of the EPA under Nixon, banned DDT and supported many other important environmental initiatives. This changed under Ronald Reagan whose appointees were often political paybacks such as the dentist who was Secretary of Energy. (As a reminder, the Department of Energy has a multi-billion dollar budget to produce and maintain security for nuclear weapons, is our largest federal basic science agency, and has responsibility for multi-billion dollar environmental cleanups.) Reagan also made many more positions political appointments. Thus, political agendas gained more importance relative to science in running federal agencies. George W. Bush took this further by requiring appointees to pass a political litmus test regarding both science and non-science issues. These charges have been documented in editorials in prominent science journals and more publically in Chris Mooney's book, The Republican War on Science, and in the lawsuits and press conferences led by the Union of Concerned Scientists. Prominent examples were Bush's appointments of a former timber company lobbyist to head the forest service and a lawyer whose previous career was fighting the agency to lead the Department of the Interior. It is different under Obama. According to the former president of the New York Academy of Sciences and lead author of three reports on US science,

"under Bush, the position [of science advisor] was marginalized." Obama has increased the relevance of his science advisor, John Holdren, by making him "assistant

to the president." (Clinton's science advisor held this title, but the position was demoted under Bush.) Obama appointed Stephen Chu, a Nobel-prize winning scientist to lead the Department of Energy (DOE). (G.W. Bush's first DOE secretary was Spencer Abraham, who had no science or energy credentials, but in the year before his nomination to head DOE, while in the Senate, sponsored legislation to abolish the agency he was now to lead.)

**Obama Appoints Prominent Scientists:** Other examples of new appointees besides Chu and Holdren (see previous paragraph) include Jane Lubchenco, a highly-regarded marine scientist from Oregon State University to head the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and biomedical researchers Harold Varmus, a former director of the National Institutes of Health and Nobel laureate, and Eric Lander, a key leader in the Human Genome Project and founding director of the Broad Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard, to serve with Dr. Holdren as co-chairs of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. Hopefully, these people will have sufficient opportunity to revive morale and restore their agencies and positions to their former prominence.

**Western US Forests Suffer Death by Degrees:** This was the title of a recent news story describing mortality rates in forests of the American West. Coloradans do not have to be told about forest death. Acres of dead and dying trees are obvious throughout our area. What is worse according to the new study, reported in Science this January, is that new trees are not replacing dying ones even in forests that appear otherwise healthy. Both pristine forests and those near polluted areas are affected. The news story interviewed several scientists familiar with the research. Most agreed that the specific cause is drought and warming as a result of climate change.

## Painless Donation to Grand Valley Audubon Society

Every time you use your value card at City Market or other Kroger stores they donated a portion to GVAS.

*This cost you nothing it is just there way of giving back to the community.*

*Cut out form below and send to: GVAS, PO Box 1211, GJ, CO 81502*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Value Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Audubon 1066

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- *The Kiosk on Ela Sanctuary needs staining.*
- *Help with control burn on ES*
- *Supervise work party with the Work-enders on Saturday or Sunday. (These are folks who must spend Friday & Saturday night in the Mesa County Jail. They work during the week but have to serve time on the weekends).*
- **Chukar Chatter**  
*Need someone to oversee the Chukar Chatter six times a year. Remind committee chairs to send in news items, collect stories of interest and make sure that all items are edited.  
Helen McKinley has been doing the lay-out but would be willing to have someone to take it over.*
- **Nature Center Manager**  
*After five years working on the Nature Center reclamation the current manager is ready to retire. Duties include but not limited to spraying re-growth of tamarisk, Russian olive non-native noxious weed and beaver control. Limited irrigation of grasses and trees.*

### INFORMATION

**Bob Wilson H 970-242-5190 C 970-250-0711**

**Call day or night**

## How old is your will

You may have considered including a charitable organization like Grand Valley Audubon Society in your will, trust or other long-range plans, but have not done so because of concerns about your family's future security. Audubon encourages you to first plan for your own financial security and that of your family before you include charities like GVAS.

Your local Audubon has an endowment with the Western Colorado Community Foundation. The earnings from this endowment will help pay for the operations of the future Nature Center and bequests are the best way to fund this endowment.

It is possible to name Audubon along with family and others to receive specific amounts, or fixed percent of one's estate. One of the easiest ways to plan for a future gift is to name your favorite charitable interests to receive all or part of the remainder of your estate (what is left over or residue) after all other obligations and bequests have been satisfied.

Please see the box below (Please Remember GVAS) with sample wording for making this part of your will. As always please consult your attorney for the legal requirement for adding to or changing your will. This change is most likely easier than you might think, so make a New Year's resolution to make that call. Please let Grand Valley Audubon Society know if you have included them in your will as this will help to secure grants for the capital campaign.

### Please Remember GVAS

If you plan to remember GVAS in your will or other estate plans, please suggest the following language to your advisor: **After fulfilling all other provisions for my heirs, I give, devise and bequest \_\_\_\_% of what remains of my estate or \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Grand Valley Audubon Society a Federal ID # 23-7205741 charitable corporation whose address is:**

P O Box 1211  
Grand Junction CO 81502

### NEW MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER RENEWAL

Membership in the National Audubon Society includes *Audubon* magazine and membership in a local Audubon Chapter. The local chapter receives only minor funding from the national organization. If you are a National Audubon member, we ask you to consider a donation to the Grand Valley Audubon Society to help support our local work and programs. Or, if you wish, you may join only the local Grand Valley Audubon Society. Either way you will receive the *Chucker Chatter*, our local newsletter.

- Enclosed is my donation to Grand Valley Audubon Society to help with local programs.
- Enclosed is \$20 for a **new** membership in Grand Valley Audubon Society.
- Enclosed is \$35 to **renew** my membership in Grand Valley Audubon Society.

#### Please make checks payable to:

Grand Valley Audubon Society  
PO Box 1211  
Grand Junction, Co. 81502

If you wish to enroll/renew as a member of the NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, please contact them directly at their website [www.joinaudubon.org](http://www.joinaudubon.org), or Membership Data Center, PO Box 52504, Boulder, Co. 80323-2504.

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## MOG Outdoor Fest

You're Invited to the  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual MOG Sale & Outdoor Festival

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>

10 am to 9pm

500 Block Main Street

Downtown Grand Junction

**Outdoor Manufacturers, Retailers,  
Gearheads, Environmental, Social Groups**

**GVAS will be there too**

(a great place to get super buys)



Grand Junction CO, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
and the Feeder-Watch Camera "Cornell 2"

## Chukar Chatter

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