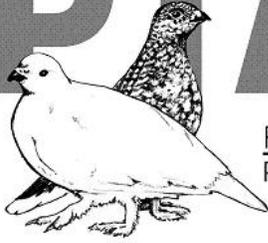


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Promoting the appreciation, conservation, and restoration of ecosystems,  
focusing on birds and other wildlife, through education, participation, stewardship, and advocacy.

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## The Owl and the Woodpecker Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds

*A presentation by Paul Bannick at Reader's Cove Bookstore  
Co-sponsored by Reader's Cove Bookstore and Fort Collins Audubon Society*

"Every wild place and urban area in North America hosts an owl or a woodpecker species, while healthy natural places often boast representatives of both. The diversity of these two families of birds, and the ways in which they define and enrich the ecosystems they inhabit, are the subject of this vivid new book by photographer Paul Bannick." (quoted from [www.PaulBannick.com](http://www.PaulBannick.com)).

An experienced naturalist and outdoor educator, Paul creates most of his images while kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing in the Pacific Northwest. After graduation from the University of Washington, Paul worked successfully for 15 years in the computer software industry

beginning as one of the original 75 employees of the Aldus Corporation, and then for Adobe Systems, and Microsoft. Paul, wishing to combine his passion for wilderness conservation with his career, focused his attention to non-profit work and currently serves as the Director of Development for Conservation Northwest ([www.conservationnw.org](http://www.conservationnw.org)).

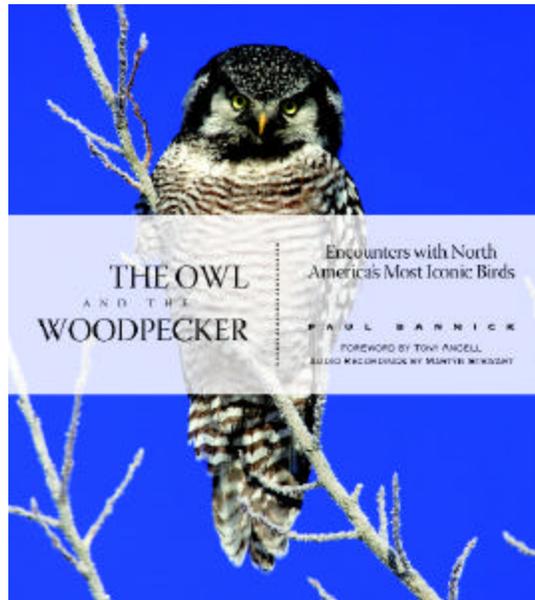


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Don't miss this opportunity to meet Paul, and enjoy his presentation of images and inspirations of his book. Books will be available for purchase. **Reminder: this program**

**will be held at Reader's Cove Bookstore—the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, June 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**This program will be held at  
Reader's Cove bookstore, 1001 E Harmony Road, Fort Collins  
Thursday, June 25, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**



## FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY WILDLIFE HABITAT GARDEN TOUR

*Visit Five Unique Gardens Designed To Encourage and Sustain Wildlife*



On **Saturday, June 13, 2009**, tour five Fort Collins gardens designed to attract wildlife. This self-guided tour will run from 8am to 3pm. Each garden exhibits a distinctive approach to designing a bird, butterfly, or other wildlife-friendly garden. Ranging from a small Old town lot backyard and a suburban corner to 9 acres, all are primarily designed and built by the owners and offer a learning opportunity for visitors. One is extremely low maintenance, one is a "pollinator garden", one features native plants in a housing "common area". Visitors learn how to create their own wildlife-friendly garden by adding plantings and features to support the food, shelter and water needs of a variety of animals.

Cost for the tour is \$15, with children's tickets available at the gardens for \$5. Visitors may purchase the "**Field Guide**" ticket booklet from sponsors including Fort Collins Nursery, Ranch-Way Feeds, Wild Birds Unlimited, Bath Garden Center, Perennial Gardener, Creekside Nursery, and The Gardens on Spring Creek. Garden addresses will be posted on the Audubon website in early June and tickets may be purchased at any of the gardens on June 13, 2009.

The "**Guidebook tour ticket**" includes maps and directions for the tour, lists of flowering plants, shrubs and trees recommended for attracting wildlife, lists of birds which have appeared in the gardens, and suggestions for designing or adding to your garden. Many of the plants are native plants or xeric plants and require less maintenance and water than traditional lawns and gardens, resulting in savings for the homeowner in addition to encouraging wildlife. Other xeric and habitat public gardens are listed.

**Here is our list of the gardens for 2009:**

**Ruth and Don Inglis-Widrick Garden**  
**401 Wood St. 80521 (NW corner of Wood and Cherry Sts.)**

Please park along the streets. Wood St will accommodate more vehicles. **Caution: Bees and other pollinators are present in the garden** including a beehive. If you are allergic to stings, you may want to observe from the outer sidewalk only!

**Patrick Quadrel Garden**  
**2837 Dixon Creek Lane, 80526 (off west Drake)**

Parking is available along streets in the subdivision. Please do not park in front of the garden. Be aware, however, that today is the annual neighborhood garage sale, so there may be many cars in the area. Plan to view this garden in the afternoon to avoid the biggest crowds!



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### City Park Bird Garden

#### Sheldon Street, North of Mulberry

Access from the parking lot off Mulberry on Sheldon Street; the garden is between you and the lake.

Parking is available anywhere in City Park, closest along Sheldon Street, which can only be entered from Mulberry. Restrooms are available in the park, north of the bird garden in the playground and picnic area.

### Janet & Larry McCulloch Garden

#### 520 N. Sherwood Street, Unit 16, 80521 (at west end of River Rock Commons Cohousing)

Please park in Lee Martinez Farm's parking lot (left at the north end of Sherwood St.) or in the Martinez Park lot, downhill from River Rock Commons (turn right at north end of Sherwood St.)

### Dan and Della McGuire Garden

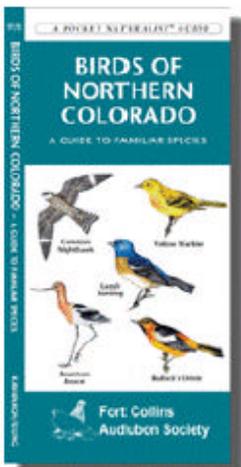
#### Elm Ridge Ranch, 1727 Ridgecrest 80524

Turn right coming off Spaulding Lane; park along Ridgecrest

Don't miss this opportunity to visit and learn more about wildlife gardening. Volunteers from Audubon Society, local garden groups, Master Naturalists, and garden owners will be available to answer visitor questions about the gardens. All proceeds will benefit the local Audubon Chapter. For more details about the tour visit the FCAS website: [www.fortnet.org/Audubon](http://www.fortnet.org/Audubon) or call 970.490-BIRD.

## FCAS Pocket Guide to Local Birds

is available at the following retailers,  
who are supporting our organization with the sales:



**Wild Birds Unlimited**  
248 E Monroe Drive  
(970) 225-2557

**Jax Outdoor Gear**  
1200 N College  
(970) 221-0544

**Jax Farm and Ranch**  
1000 N Highway 287  
(970) 484-2221

**Ranch-Way Feeds**  
546 Willow Street  
(970) 482-1662

**The Matter Bookstore/  
Bean Cycle Coffee**  
144 N College Avenue  
(970) 472-4284

**Bath Garden Center  
& Nursery**  
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**The Colorado River by Sea Kayak**  
**Date: August 7-9 (Fri-Sun), 2009**  
**Cost: \$335 adult, \$280 child (ages 6-16)**  
**Level: Beginner**

**Membership Application**

Join the Fort Collins Audubon Society (FCAS) directly, or automatically become a member by joining the National Audubon Society (NAS). *Choose one below:*

**New or Renewing Member of FCAS** (annual dues)    **\$15**  
 (Receive the *Ptarmigan* newsletter)  
 FCAS may share my name with NAS

**New Member of NAS & Chapter**    **\$20**  
 (Receive *Audubon* magazine and *Ptarmigan*)

**Renewing Member of NAS & Chapter**    **\$35**  
 (Receive *Audubon* magazine and *Ptarmigan*)

**Did you know?** Less than \$1 of your NAS dues is left for FCAS funds. FCAS serves NAS members through its own fundraising efforts. We appreciate your financial support!

**Additional donation to FCAS**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**I prefer to receive the *Ptarmigan* via the FCAS website. Please e-mail me when posted.**

Please make your check payable to **FCAS** and send along with this form to: **Fort Collins Audubon Society, PO Box 271968, Fort Collins, CO 80527-1968**

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