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## Mountain Lion Ecology and Research in Colorado

Presented by: Dr. Don Hunter and Caroline Krumm, Director  
Rocky Mountain Cat Conservancy

As Colorado's top predator, mountain lions play an important role in ecosystem dynamics, helping regulate deer and elk populations. As efficient carnivores, they occasionally pose a threat to humans. Human-mountain lion encounters are on the rise throughout the west. Given the growth projections for the Front Range, available habitat for mountain lions will continue to shrink. Under these conditions, can mountain lions coexist with humans? What can be done to mitigate the future loss of mountain lion habitat? How can communities become involved in mountain lion management and conservation? This presentation will focus on these and other issues that center upon human and mountain lion coexistence. Presenters Don Hunter and Caroline Krumm study mountain lions in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Northern Front Range. They will share what they have learned over the past six years about mountain lions and what the future might look like with community support and engagement. Their talk will also include a new, citizen-based approach to mountain lion conservation that has been very successful in Estes Park and will soon come to Fort Collins. Hunter and Krumm started the Rocky Mountain Cat Conservancy in 2008 as a non-government non-profit



organization dedicated to wild cat conservation worldwide. For more information visit their website: <http://www.catconservancy.org/>.

### THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM

September 10, 2009

Social Gathering: 7:00 p.m.  
Program: 7:30 p.m.  
Columbine Room, Fort Collins Lincoln Center  
417 W Magnolia Street

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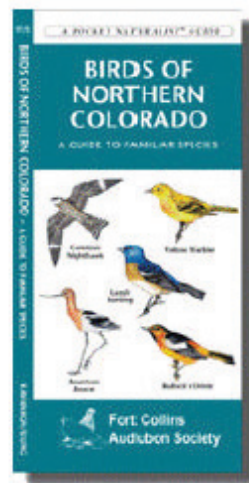
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**THANKS!**

**FCAS Pocket Guide to Local Birds**

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



**Wild Birds Unlimited**  
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 (970) 221-0544

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# SAVE THE DATE! GLOBAL WARMING ACTIVIST TRAINING

Audubon Colorado, in collaboration with Defenders of Wildlife, National Wildlife Federation, Colorado Conservation Voters and more, will be hosting an interesting and timely training session on how to engage in and influence global warming policies in Colorado and nationally.

We will be talking about the impacts of global warming on Colorado wildlife and habitat and give you the tools you need to meaningfully engage in and impact state and national global-warming related politics.

This will also be an opportunity to meet and connect with other like-minded Audubon members and find out more about local and state Audubon activities.



Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

**Date: Thursday, September 17, 2009**  
**Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**Location: Fort Collins Streets Department Building, 625 9th Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524** in the meeting/lunch room (all parking is on the east side of building)

(Contact Bill Miller at [5mcorp@comcast.net](mailto:5mcorp@comcast.net) or at 970-493-7693 for specific directions)  
 If you are interested in attending this session,

**PLEASE RSVP ASAP** to [lmattrey@audubon.org](mailto:lmattrey@audubon.org) or at 303-415-0130 so that we can accommodate you with adequate food and materials.

## Upcoming Field Trips for September

**September 24** (Thursday).

### 4th Thursday Nature Walks at High Plains Environmental Center

Directions: High Plains Environmental Center (HPEC) and Fort Collins Audubon Society Nature Walks. Address: 2915 Rocky Mountain Avenue, Loveland, CO 80538.

Directions from I-25 North: Right (west) off I-25 at Hwy 34 (exit 257B) heading west. Right (north) at first signal light (Rocky Mountain Avenue) Continue on Rocky Mountain Avenue through FOUR roundabouts. (Medical Center of the Rockies will be on your right.) Left at the first left turn after FOURTH roundabout

into office complex. Park in parking lot on right side. For further information, contact Joann Thomas at 970/482-7125 or email at [jthomas91@aol.com](mailto:jthomas91@aol.com).

**September 26** (Saturday).

### 4th Annual Northern Colorado Birding Fair

Mark your calendars to attend this year's event at the Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space. Partnering organizations are pleased to announce another day of fun and learning for the entire family at the Northern Colorado Birding Fair.