



## Broomfield Bird Club, January Newsletter

Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members and welcome to 2026 – the club’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!

**January is Membership Month**, so please take a moment to [renew your Broomfield Bird Club membership](#). Your \$20 annual dues support club activities including guided bird walks, online presentations, in-person meetings, community partnerships, and more. Please help to keep your membership up to date and our organization thriving!

We have a lot going on this month, plus a special celebration of our club’s history coming up in February. I invite you to open your 2026 calendar and make plans to join the fun.

### Online Talk: One Eagle, Two Nests

Settle in at **7 p.m. Tuesday, January 13**, for a free Zoom presentation with Dana Bove, one of the area’s premier raptor researchers and founder of Front Range Eagle Studies (FRNBES), a Colorado-based nonprofit.

In “A Rare Story of Cooperative Polygyny in Bald Eagles,” Bove uses photos to illustrate the true story of something almost unheard of in Bald Eagles: a single male successfully raising young in different nests at the same time. Beginning in 2018, this eagle quietly slipped between two nests about 2 miles apart, incubating eggs at one nest, delivering food at the other, and defending both territories as if each were his own.

Grab your popcorn and [check our website](#) for the Zoom link.

### Upcoming Bird Walks

All club slots for the Barr Lake eagles walk are filled, but there is another outing planned this month. Registration is **required** for all bird walks; [see details and sign up here](#).

- **Friday, January 9, 8:30 a.m.: South Platte River Trail**

Winter waterfowl including teals, wigeons, mergansers, goldeneyes, and more are typically abundant along this paved, level trail. Along with walk leader Mike Artman, we’ll also keep an eye out for raptors and winter songbirds.

### ‘Super’ In-person Meeting

Help us celebrate the bird club’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year at a special Annual Meeting from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Broomfield Public Library**. (Don’t worry – you’ll be home in time to watch the big game!)

Just ahead of Valentine’s Day, a speaker from the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies will give us a peek at bird courtship, mating bonds, and other behaviors. If birding is your “love language,” you won’t want to miss this presentation.

### Seeking Bird Camp Scholarship Applicants

If you know a child age 8-13 who would love to attend a weeklong “birding day camp” near Barr Lake State Park, please encourage them to apply for the 2026 **Walt “Ski” Szymanski Scholarship**. This interactive camp is ideal for any child interested in nature, the outdoors, wildlife and wild birds. The camp is run by environmental educators from Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. [Visit our website](#) for camp dates, details, and an online application.

**Before You Go ...**

Experts from the National Wildlife Federation point out that a reliable source of clean, liquid water can attract even more birds than a well-stocked backyard feeder. This [blog post](#) tells how to safely provide water for our feathered visitors, even in freezing weather.

And if your yard is a birding hot spot this winter, consider sharing your sightings through the annual [FeederWatch](#) program sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This ongoing project lets you contribute to bird science without leaving home.

Wishing you a joyous New Year – and happy birding!

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