



Broomfield Bird Club, February Newsletter

Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members!

Love is in the air as we prepare for our **Annual Meeting** from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Broomfield Public Library.**

- We'll kick off the club's 10th anniversary year by honoring those who founded the organization and helped it take wing.
- After a brief business meeting, we'll hear from Nellie Boyd-Owens, school programs coordinator at Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. Her program, "Let's Talk About Lovebirds: The Romantics, Philanderers, and Flirts of the Feathered Variety," offers fresh insights into bird behavior.
- Finally, we'll sweeten the day with refreshments, door prizes, and conversation – and wrap up in time for football fans to enjoy the Big Game.

The library has ample free parking, and the Eisenhower Meeting Room is accessible by elevator. Join us to celebrate the bird club's milestone year!

Are Your Dues Up to Date?

Club dues for 2026 remain at just \$20 per year for your entire household. If you paid your 2026 dues during January's Membership Month drive, THANK YOU!

Need to catch up? You can [pay online](#) using PayPal or a credit card, or pay in person at the Annual Meeting with a check, cash, or credit card. Your support makes club activities possible, sustains our education and outreach efforts, and keeps our organization strong.

February Bird Walks

• 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13: South Platte River Trail

Neither the birds nor the weather cooperated last month, so we'll try again! Winter waterfowl including teals, wigeons, mergansers, goldeneyes, and more are typically abundant along this paved, level trail. Walk leader Mike Artman will also keep an eye out for raptors and winter songbirds.

• 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21: Boulder County Raptor Drive

Learning to ID hawks and other raptors will be the focus of this road trip with leaders Donna Stump and Pete Ruprecht. We'll start with a short walk at Lagermann Reservoir, then carpool to several other locations based on weather conditions.

Registration is **required** for all bird walks; club members are given priority when group size is limited. [See details and sign up here.](#)

Eagle Info Online

More than 30 members tuned in for Bald Eagle researcher Dana Bove's virtual presentation about a male eagle that supported two nests right here on the Front Range. If you missed the talk, or want to see Bove's incredible photos and videos set to music, you can [watch a recording here](#). Or look under "Activities" on [our club's homepage](#) for the new link to "Past Presentations."

Bird Camp Scholarship

We've extended the deadline, but time is running out to apply for a full scholarship to the summer "bird camp" organized by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. If you know a child age 8-13 who loves birds, nature, or spending time outdoors, please encourage them to apply for the **Walt "Ski" Szymanski Scholarship**, sponsored annually by our club. The [interactive day camp](#) is run by environmental educators from Bird Conservancy of the Rockies at their headquarters near Barr Lake in Brighton. For 2026 camp dates, details, and an online scholarship application, [visit our website](#) soon.

'Citizen Science' in Your Backyard

Contribute to science without leaving home! Be a part of the global **Great Backyard Bird Count**, an annual count of birds spotted in our yards and other favorite places. Take a look out the window Feb. 13-16, record the birds you see or hear during a 15-minute (or longer) span, and submit the results online or by using the Merlin or eBird mobile app. Find out why the count matters and learn how to participate at www.birdcount.org.

See you at the Annual Meeting – and happy birding!

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