



Broomfield Bird Club, October Newsletter

Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members!

October is the heart of fall migration season, when thousands of birds travel (mostly by night) to their winter habitats. I've been starting each day with a look at the [BirdCast Migration Dashboard](#) for an estimate of how many birds passed over Broomfield while I was sleeping, and what species to look for on my morning walk. The numbers are astonishing! Some bird species will winter here; others are just passing through.

Watch for warblers before they're gone, and expect winter birds like Dark-Eyed Juncos to start showing up at your feeders soon.

MAKE A NOTE: FALL MEETING IS NOV. 8

You've probably seen Barn Swallows' cup-shaped mud nests beneath bridges and underpasses, or perhaps under the eaves of your home. These birds have thrived alongside human expansion for thousands of years, becoming one of the world's most widespread bird species. However, that longstanding connection is threatened as Barn Swallow populations face rapid declines worldwide.

We'll learn more about [these intriguing birds](#) at our **fall meeting**, from **1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8**, at Broomfield Library. Dr. Rebecca Safran, a professor at the University of Colorado Boulder, will present "Barn Swallows and Humans: The Rise and Fall of Coexistence in a Changing World."

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Light refreshments and door prizes are all part of the fun. The library's second-floor meeting room is accessible by elevator, and there's plenty of free parking.

OCTOBER BIRD WALKS

- **8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14: Waneka Lake Park**

Let's work on our birding identification skills with renowned ornithologist Ted Floyd. Birders at all levels are sure to learn something new, and we can expect a nice variety of birds, including some fall migrants, at this **rescheduled walk**.

Ted is editor of *Birding* magazine, the award-winning flagship publication of the American Birding Association. He's written numerous books, including the American Birding Association Field Guide to the Birds of Colorado.

- **8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16: Let's Bird Broomfield! Quail Creek Park**

Our fall series exploring some of Broomfield's lesser-known hot spots takes us to the wetlands of Quail Creek Park, where we'll join walk leader Mike Artman to look for incoming winter waterfowl and late-migrating birds. If time allows, we'll take a short drive to scope out the south shore of McKay Lake, as well.

Registration is required for all bird walks. We limit the size of our group to provide a quality experience for everyone; members are given preference. [See details and sign up here.](#)

EVENT SEASON WRAPS UP

A heartfelt "thank-you" to all the Broomfield Bird Club members who staffed our busy booth at Broomfield Days last month. In one 10-hour stretch we spoke with hundreds of people, gave away 100 packets of bird seed, answered dozens of questions, and educated the public about wild birds and our organization.

This year we pitched our bright blue tent at **seven community events** in Broomfield and neighboring towns. It's been a delight to chat with birders and introduce them to our club. Look for us to be out and about again next spring.

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

The bird club is looking for two committed, enthusiastic, and collaborative members to serve on its board of directors beginning in 2027. Board members meet once a month to organize club activities. They also interact with current and prospective members, other organizations, and the community.

Interested? You can read full position descriptions in Article VI of our [by-laws](#). Please email club president Christine Kindl (ckindl@gmail.com) ASAP with questions or to request a self-nomination form; put "BBC Board" in the subject line. A ratification vote will be held at our annual meeting in early 2027.

BEFORE YOU GO ...

Members are still talking about last month's online presentation, "Bills with Skills: The incredible beaks of Colorado's cone-eating birds," such as Red Crossbills and Clark's Nutcrackers. If you missed the presentation by club member Pete Ruprecht, you can visit our homepage or [use this link](#) to access the recording.

Enjoy the fall weather – and happy birding!

Christine Kindl
President, Broomfield Bird Club