

Bristlecone Audubon



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Northeast Nevada's 'Christmas' Bird Counts (National Audubon CBCs)

21 December 2010 Battle Mountain - Meet at 0630 at the Owl Club for breakfast and assignments.

22 December 2010 Ruby Lake – Meet at 0700 at the National Wildlife Refuge headquarters.

2 January 2011 Elko / Spring Creek – Meet at 0700 at GBC (Elko) or Deans (Spring Creek).

TBA Jarbidge and Snake Valley CBCs – we're not sure yet.

Bristlecone Audubon will help sponsor all upcoming CBCs in northeast Nevada. Call 777-2307 for more information on any of these counts. We'll help you get in touch with local organizers.



Adult Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Antelope Valley, Elko County, Nevada,
January 2005 (Staff Photo, Bristlecone Audubon).

Birding Costa Rica

Our November evening meeting was, pardon my French, a mind-blower for those in attendance who'd never visited Costa Rica. Thanks to Gary and Lynn Clark for a truly inspirational show. It turns out the bird species richness or biological diversity of Costa Rica may be three to four times that of the Great Basin. We have approximately 265 bird species that live in northeast Nevada for at least a portion of their life cycles (breeding, migration, wintering). So, just do the math. Wow!! And Gary's photography?



....simply stunning. Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) from the San Gerardo de Dota Valley, Costa Rica (Photo courtesy of Gary Clark, Member, Bristlecone Audubon).

Tentative Calendar into 2011

February 16, 2011 Evening Meeting: Presentation: *What do Red-naped Sapsuckers and Silver-haired Bats share in common?*

February 18-20, 2011 *Great Backyard Bird Count*

April 2, 2011 *Buzzard Saturday BBQ (Return of the Turkey Vultures)*

June Field Tour *Ruby Lake Birding Drive*

Other Business

Bristlecone Audubon Constitution With only a couple minor additions, our Constitution passed by unanimous voice vote at our last evening meeting in November. You will soon be able to see a final copy at our web site.... bristleconeaudubon.webnode.com.

Membership Keep those Bristlecone Audubon memberships rolling in. Remember to remind new recruits to pencil our Chapter Code, “C0Z P52 0Z” into the “Official use only” box when signing up with National Audubon. If you need more membership forms, just let us know. Thanks!!

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Natural History Records: Our lovely winter visitors have returned from their tundra breeding grounds in the frozen north. For rough-legged hawks, just back from their summer stay north of the Brooks Range in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) of Alaska, winter in Elko County may be like a trip to Kankun or the Bahamas. Twelve were spotted in Ruby Valley just last week happily chewing on sagebrush voles and black-tailed jackrabbits.

