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## Agency Merger on Track for Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW)



On July 1, two State agencies combined to give us the *new* agency title of Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

The agency logo has been finalized, and other programs will be combined in the future for greater government efficiency and effectiveness. Details on the agency merger and a Transition Plan will be presented to the Parks & Wildlife Commission this winter. For current information, please visit [www.dnr.state.co.us](http://www.dnr.state.co.us) and click on "DPW Transition" (top right link). Please note that although we serve as representatives of this new agency, employees and volunteers should continue to wear the uniform items that they currently have. Replacements will be made on an as-needed basis.

Change can be challenging, but it can

also present new opportunities to support wildlife on state lands. Many of our existing programs are dependent on volunteers. We hope that you will continue to provide the excellent customer service that we are known for, and that you will also support projects as you have in the past. We are now all representatives of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The common goals of natural resource protection and recreational opportunities will guide the future of this agency, and should provide many more opportunities for volunteer enrichment and involvement.

If you have any thoughts to share, please feel free to contact your regional volunteer coordinator. Thank you for your continued support!



*Holiday Greetings to you  
and your family  
this season!*



## Cavity Nesters & Bluebird Monitoring



For decades now, numerous individuals and groups have dedicated their time to working on variations of the Colorado Bluebird Project throughout our state. Their efforts have paid off! People enjoy driving along the many Colorado highways where nest boxes have been maintained by diligent vol-

unteers, and some of the early trails established around Denver, Montrose, and Grand Junction still provide cavity nesting habitat for bluebirds today.

Unfortunately, bluebirds aren't the only species getting a break on a home when nest boxes are installed. Other native cavity nesting species (such as tree swallows) will use these boxes, occasionally outcompeting bluebirds for the opportunity to nest and lay eggs. To prevent this situation, volunteers in the southeast region have doubled up boxes and placed them facing apart from one another. As neither bird species nests next to their own kind, we hope that tree swallows or other cavity-nesters will take advantage of only one box, leaving the other one for bluebirds. Such a small act could add up to make a very significant difference, as southeastern Colorado now has almost twenty established bluebird trails! We encourage you to visit them around

Colorado Springs and in the Arkansas River communities of Florence, Cañon City, Howard, Salida, and Buena Vista. A huge "Thank you!" to everyone involved in this project for all that you've done to keep it growing!

For those of you interested in helping out with bluebird trails, keep an eye on the "Opportunities Listings" in the Winter and Spring editions of our newsletter for bluebird workdays in the southeast region. The newest bluebird trail is located at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and we'll need assistance with weekly monitoring once April arrives. This particular trail isn't for the weak at heart, but if you're looking for outdoor exercise and enjoy hiking in rough terrain, this could be the opportunity for you! Additionally, we're always looking for lumber donations to keep a supply of boxes on hand for replacement and repair.

If you have questions about the bluebird project or regarding spring trail monitoring, e-mail [jena.sanchez@state.co.us](mailto:jena.sanchez@state.co.us) for more information. For more on the birds in general, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology features a wealth of bluebird information on their website: <http://watch.birds.cornell.edu/nest/home/index>.

Tips for homeowners with nest boxes: Clean out boxes annually before the start of springtime nesting. Have your boxes repaired and/or replaced by **March** for the 2012 nesting season. Visit [www.sialis.org](http://www.sialis.org) for more information.

"What a difference Mike Paulis has made at Clear Creek campground. Since his involvement, the place is cleaner, quieter and a much nicer place to be." DWM Randy Hancock

## How Many Birds Can You See?

Have you heard of “charismatic megafauna?” The term refers to the allure of large wildlife species. The majestic bald eagle and the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are great examples of charismatic megafauna native to our state, and they attract people from all around the world. We invite you to join the crowds this winter and see what the fuss is all about at one of the many great wildlife festivals in Colorado. You’ll hear from experts in the field, meet with numerous critter enthusiasts and have the opportunity to identify species big and small during guided tours. Keep an eye out for the following events and programs:

- Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) volunteers are staffing spotting scopes at the Georgetown Sheep Viewing Station along Interstate 70 on winter weekends. They’ll be giving out bighorn sheep information and helping people catch a glimpse of our state animal in its natural habitat.
- Mark your calendars! February is the month for kicking off wildlife festivals in Colorado with Eagle Day. Activities take place at Lake Pueblo State Park and on the Pueblo State Wildlife Area (Feb. 4-5; [www.eagleday.org](http://www.eagleday.org)), Bighorn Sheep Fest in Colorado Springs (Feb. 11), and the High Plains Snow Goose Festival in Lamar (Feb. 23-26; [www.highplainssnowgoose.com](http://www.highplainssnowgoose.com)).
- Impatient for spring? Get inspired by the annual migratory return of 20,000 greater sandhill cranes during the Monte Vista Crane Festival (March 9 – 11). Having the chance to see thousands of five-foot-tall

cranes take off with the first light of each day is something you won’t soon forget. Visit [www.cranefest.com](http://www.cranefest.com) for more info.

- April brings grouse and prairie chicken viewing opportunities to several locations around the state. If you haven’t seen grouse strut their stuff, pack your warm clothes and head to Walden for Greater Sage-grouse viewing tours (call 970-723-4600 for reservations; North Park Chamber of Commerce) or over to Gunnison for Gunnison Sage-grouse ([www.siskadee.org](http://www.siskadee.org)). Ever seen the *real* chicken dance? Travel to Wray to see greater prairie chicken lekking in the pre-dawn hours ([www.wraychamber.net/gpct2.php](http://www.wraychamber.net/gpct2.php)).
- Karval Mountain Plover Festival attendees can spend the night at a local ranch house while experiencing one of Colorado’s most unique wildlife viewing festivals (April 27 – 29). For more info, visit [www.karval.org](http://www.karval.org).

For more information about our other wildlife festivals, go to [www.wildlife.state.co.us/viewing](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/viewing).



Greater sage grouse viewing in Walden, Spring 2011.

## Where Are My Projects?

Have you accessed your online account to record volunteer hours, only to notice that your project wasn’t listed? In order for you to be able to enter your time, your regional Volunteer Coordinator must have your account set up with your “Active Projects” selected. When this is done correctly, you will be able to enter “Report My Hours” and see the opportunities that you currently work on. If you enter your account and notice that a project or projects are missing, just give your coordinator a call or send an e-mail about the issue, and we’ll be sure to add that opportunity to your list.

If you haven’t accessed your volunteer account yet, we can help. Get in touch with us about setting up (or resetting) a User ID and Password. Once this is done, you can enter your own hours, edit your contact information and even sign up for advertised projects. Just in time for the New Year, make a resolution to take command of your account!

## Bacon-Wrapped Venison Roast

Fall hunting seasons are wrapping up, so why not wrap up a venison roast and enjoy the fall feast! Venison is the suggested game meat for this recipe, but you can substitute elk, pronghorn, or even mountain goat for venison. This is traditional American cuisine at its best.

Ingredients:

4 pounds venison roast  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ginger  
6 thick slices bacon  
2 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon dried rosemary  
1 teaspoon sugar  
½ teaspoon black pepper  
¼ teaspoon cloves  
1 cup red wine  
2 tablespoons breadcrumbs

### Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2) In a small bowl, combine rosemary, salt, sugar, cinnamon, pepper, ginger, and cloves. Rub mixture evenly over venison roast, patting down to adhere. Wrap bacon slices evenly over roast.
- 3) Place roast in a roasting pan; pour wine over. Roast 2 hours 30 minutes, until meat is very soft and internal temperature reaches 150°F. Remove roast from pan; transfer to a serving platter.
- 4) Place roasting pan over medium heat on stovetop; add remaining ingredients and simmer, scraping to mix juices, until thickened. Pour over roast and serve.

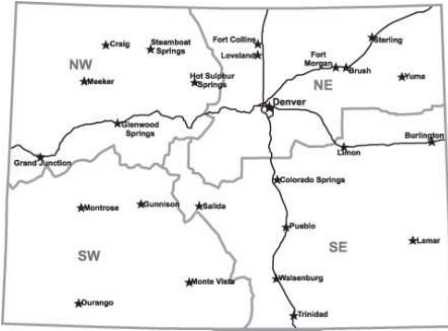
*This recipe was adapted from <http://www.venisonrecipes.net>*



## Help Wildlife by Turning in your Hours

We're nearing the end of 2011, which means it's time to submit your volunteer hours for the year. As volunteers, you're all very familiar with the importance of what you do, but did you know that the hours you dedicate to CPW's program can directly impact Colorado's wildlife? We use the time that you submit to match grants for outside funding that the agency wouldn't otherwise be eligible to receive. In addition, volunteer hours showcase an immense amount of support for the species we protect and the programs we conduct. Please do your part in bringing your volunteer experience full-circle by turning in your hours.

Additionally, although we do review all submissions at the end of the year, the easiest way to make sure your volunteer hours are accurate and accounted for is by submitting them at the completion of your project or assignment. This will give you the chance to take one more To-Do item off of your holiday season list (and helps keep our season a bit more manageable, too.) Thanks to all of you who have been entering or sending in your hours in a timely fashion.



**Where do I look for projects?**

The map on the left has four regional designations. Projects within those regions are listed in the Opportunities by project type, under the region name. For example, if you are interested in projects in Yuma, look under Northeast opportunities. If you have questions or need assistance, call your regional coordinator.

**Northeast Opportunities**

To sign-up for opportunities in this section, or for more information, please call the person in the Contact section.

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Winter Waterfowl Count</b>	Various lakes along the front range, Ft. Collins to Littleton	Volunteers needed to drive to assigned lake(s) before sunrise, set up, and use spotting scopes to count number of geese and ducks on lakes. Must provide own vehicle and binoculars or spotting scope. Ability to distinguish species types is preferred.	January 3, Pre-dawn to approx. 9am	303 291-7249 <a href="mailto:nevolunteer@state.co.us">nevolunteer@state.co.us</a>
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>Critter Crate Assistance</b>	NE Region Service Center, 6060 Broadway, Denver	Volunteers needed to help inventory, organize and maintain our critter crates. Critter crates are a free resource available for educators to check out and use to educate students on various wildlife species and topics.	On-going, weekdays, flexible hours	Megan Barton 303-291-7246
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>Law Enforcement Unit Office Assistance</b>	Denver Headquarters	Volunteer assistance is needed scanning citations and case reports, referencing database against hard copy for errors and filing documents. Must be detail-oriented and enjoy data entry. Because of sensitivity of the records, a background check will be required.	On-going, approx. 20 hrs. per week	Bob Thompson 303-291-7342 <a href="mailto:bob.thompson@state.co.us">bob.thompson@state.co.us</a>
<b>Front Desk Assistance</b>	NE Regional Service Center, Denver and Ft Collins Service Center	One to two additional volunteers are needed at each service center to help the Customer Service Representatives answer hunting and fishing questions and sell licenses. Knowledge of hunting and fishing is required. Help with stocking front lobby with brochures, etc and general office support	On-going, during normal business hours	<p>Denver Jenny Campbell 303-291-7353 <a href="mailto:jenny.campbell@state.co.us">jenny.campbell@state.co.us</a></p> <p>Ft Collins Corrie Swan 303-472-4390 <a href="mailto:corrie.swan@state.co.us">corrie.swan@state.co.us</a></p>

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## Southeast Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Aquatic</b>				
<b>Angler Education Training</b>	Colorado Springs	Volunteers needed to assist with spring and summer kids fishing clinics throughout southeastern Colorado. Learn about casting, knot tying, fishing pole troubleshooting, fish ID and more.	February 9, 6-8pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Walleye Spawn</b>	Lake Pueblo, north shore marina/boat-house	Assist fisheries biologist with organizing nets during spawning operation; crews work 7-11am daily organizing nets for fisheries biologists.	Around March 15-April 5, call for exact dates/shifts	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Bluebird Project Workdays</b>	Colorado Springs and Salida	Volunteers needed to assist with bluebird nest box building, replacement, repair and trail maintenance. Then, join us later this Spring with bluebird monitoring. Help will be needed 2-4 times/month at sites including: Cheyenne Mtn State Park; Air Force Academy; Stratton Open Space, Salida and Buena Vista. Spring trainings will be offered at a later date.	<i>Colorado Springs</i> Cheyenne Mtn State Park , Dec. 4, 1pm <i>Salida</i> Mt. Shavano Shop, Jan. 28, 10am	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Wildlife Transport Trainings</b>	Pueblo, Colorado Springs	Volunteers needed to provide transportation for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife incl. birds & small mammals. Must be 18 years old and have reliable transportation. Volunteers are on-call as needed esp. during baby season April-July. <b>Training is mandatory. A refresher course for returning volunteers will be offered in early April TBA.</b>	<i>Pueblo</i> February 11, 9am-noon <i>Colorado Springs</i> March TBA for new volunteers	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>Wildlife Festival Orientation</b>	Colorado Springs Classroom	Recommended training for volunteers interested in helping at wildlife festivals. We'll provide an update on the agency merger, volunteer uniforms, key messages and available shifts at February festivals	January 25, 5-7pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Eagle Day</b>	Lake Pueblo State Park and Pueblo State Wildlife Area	Volunteers needed to staff DOW booth, various stations and help with general festival operations. No experience necessary but attendance at the Wildlife Festival Orientation, see above, recommended.	February 4, Shifts start at 8am	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Bighorn Sheep Fest</b>	Garden of the Gods Park, Colorado Springs	See Eagle Day description above.  Festival starts at 10am, volunteers needed for set up at 9am.	February 11	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Snow Goose Festival</b>	Lamar	See Eagle Day description above.	February 23-26	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204

# Southeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Property Development/Maintenance</b>				
<b>Pueblo State Wildlife Area Cleanup &amp; Fence Removal</b>	Pueblo State Wildlife Area, new section on highway 96	Assist property technician with morning trash pickup and afternoon of old fence removal. Bring gloves and work boots; we'll supply hot drinks. Project is weather dependent. Great opportunity for the whole family.	January 14, 9am In case of bad weather will reschedule for Jan. 21	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Volunteer Orientations &amp; Other Learning Opportunities</b>				
<b>Wildlife Viewing Field Day</b>	Pueblo State Wildlife Area	Hone your wildlife viewing skills, learn about optics and common local bird species on this winter outing. Great for families, but dress warm. Hike will be weather dependent. Meeting location TBA.	January 14, In case of bad weather will reschedule for Jan. 22, 9am	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>New Volunteer Orientation</b>	Pueblo and Colorado Springs	Recommended for new volunteers in the Colorado Springs and Pueblo areas. We'll cover volunteer policies and procedures. Learn about upcoming projects, how to sign up and how to maintain a volunteer account.	<i>Pueblo</i> Nature Center Yurt Jan. 18, 5pm  <i>Colorado Springs</i> Jan. 19, 5pm, Class is weather dependent.	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204



## Tom O'Toole will Get Er' Done

If volunteer success was measured by the miles of fence removed from State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) in Colorado, we are certain that the top award would go to Tom O'Toole from Colorado Springs. Tom is an avid outdoorsman who isn't afraid to gather a group of volunteers, staff, and civilian coworkers and tackle removing rusted barbed wire fencing – a huge hazard to elk and deer. And it doesn't stop with fence work. For years, Tom has transported sick and injured wildlife across the state when needed at all hours of the day and night, and he can build a trail with the best of them.

Tom is a man driven to keeping Colorado wild. Bill Velarde, a technician for the Bosque del Oso SWA near Trinidad, says, "I appreciate the

hard work and dedication that I have had from Tom in my years on the Bosque. Good job Tom, and thanks." Colorado Parks & Wildlife raises its hat to Tom and Sharon O'Toole and their hard work and commitment to Colorado wildlife.



# Northwest Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Aquatic</b>				
<b>Williams Fork/Granby Kokanee Salmon Spawn</b>	Williams Fork and Granby Reservoirs	Assist with spawning operations for Kokanee Salmon. Fish are gathered by electroshocking and netting. Fish are spawned on site. Volunteers needed for different phases of operation. No experience is necessary, but should be comfortable working in and around water. Be prepared for cold conditions. Waders recommended. 4-6 volunteers needed each spawn occasion.	Spawning is 2x a week late Sept. to mid-Dec. on set days, Dates TBA	Jon Ewert 970-725-6214
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Cedar Ridge Deer Count</b>	Cedar Ridge	10+ volunteers to assist counting deer on a one-day survey. Survey goal is to get a total count of deer population. Survey is conducted on foot and in vehicles. Some walking may be required. Training is provided onsite the morning of the survey.	Date and location TBA in Feb. in local papers	Kirk Oldham 970-725-6207
<b>CWD Head Collection &amp; Mandatory Bobcat/Lion Inspections</b>	Grand Junction Regional Service Center	1-2 volunteers daily to assist with deer and elk head submissions for CWD testing and perform mandatory inspections of bobcat and lion hides/skulls. Equipment and training are provided. Map reading and PDA experience very helpful. Five-day (continuous or non-continuous) commitment preferred.	Weekdays, Nov. 16–Mar. 5, 8am-5pm	Derek Lovoi 970-858-3200
<b>Wildlife Rescue Team</b>	Grand Valley, including Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Mack, Gateway, Parachute, Collbran, and Grand Mesa	Respond to injured, orphaned, and nuisance wildlife calls from the public. Provide wildlife education and solutions and transport wildlife to veterinarians and rehabilitators. May require some capture. Must be 18 years or older, have a very flexible schedule, and be willing to drive long distances in your personal vehicle. Good public skills essential. <b>Orientation/interviews and training required.</b>	<i>Interviews</i> Feb/Mar TBA  <i>Orientation/ Training</i> Mar/Apr TBA	<i>Grand Valley</i> Elissa Knox 970-255-6156  <i>Rifle/Parachute</i> Brian Gray 970-255-6157
<b>Hunter Outreach Assistant: Youth &amp; Women Big Game Hunts</b>	Northwestern Colorado	Volunteers needed to assist DOW employees with elk, deer or pronghorn hunts designed for women and youth. Hunts run Friday-Sunday, 4 volunteers are needed for each hunt. Hunt photographers, cooks, guides and camp helpers needed.	Fall	Kathleen Tadvick 970-255-6181 kathleen.tadvick@state.co.us

# Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Terrestrial (continued)</b>				
<b>Hunter Outreach Assistant: Youth &amp; Women Pheasant/ Waterfowl Hunts</b>	Northwestern Colorado	10 volunteers needed for one day bird hunts to assist DOW employees with pheasant or duck hunts designed for women and youth. Need hunt photographers, cooks, guides and camp helpers.	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Kathleen Tadwick 970-255-6181 Kathleen.tadwick@state.co.us
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>Bear/Lion Aware</b>	Grand Valley, including Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Mack, Gateway, Collbran and Grand Mesa	Come learn about bears and help us to reduce the number of bear/lion people conflicts this summer. We're looking for volunteers with excellent people skills to put up signs and distribute information on bears/lions to the public in your community. Volunteers will work closely with wildlife officers. <b>Training is required.</b>	<i>Training</i> Mar/Apr TBA  Project starts in spring and ends in the fall	Elissa Knox 970-255-6156
<b>Hunter Education Assistance</b>	Glenwood Springs Service Center	2-4 volunteers needed to organize and fill/process orders for upcoming hunter education programs. Available on an on-call basis to come into office to help.	Variable schedule	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930
<b>Youth Hunt-Mentors</b>	Grand County and Summit County	5-12 volunteers needed as youth mentors. Must be 18 years of age or older and have good communication skills. Must be experienced with big game hunting and have a working knowledge of Middle Park. Must be able to educate, demonstrate and mentor youths on safe and ethical hunting practices and firearm use.	December, Fri.-Sun., 8am-3pm	Hot Sulphur Springs Office 970-725-6200
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>Customer Service Assistance</b>	Glenwood Springs Service Center	Provide customer service at front desk and on phone, and possibly assist with various administrative duties.	4+ hours a week on a regular basis	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930
<b>Customer Service Assistance</b>	Hot Sulphur Springs Service Center	Provide administrative assistance to office with filing, typing, answering phones, making copies and various other duties. Training is provided.	Hours vary based on work load	Kris Holinka 970-725-6211

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## Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Property Development/Maintenance (continued)</b>				
<b>Herold Range Clean Up</b>	Herold Range near Yampa	1-3 volunteers needed to help keep range clean of trash and debris. Assistance with range maintenance and enhancement efforts when available.	Ongoing	Libbie Miller 970-736-8359
<b>SWA Assistance</b>	Garfield Creek SWA near New Castle; Plateau Creek SWA near Collbran; West Rifle Creek SWA near Rifle	Lead volunteer for each SWA to work closely with property technician and officers on maintenance tasks and other projects on the SWA. Duties include removing trash, repairing damaged fence, assisting with habitat improvement, and other tasks as needed.	Ongoing, Training on site	Buddy McNeel 970-984-9872
<b>SWA Assistance-Mesa County</b>	Horsethief Canyon SWA, Fruita	See description above.	See description above	Derek Lovoi 970-858-3200
<b>SWA Assistance-Eagle County</b>	Gypsum Ponds SWA	See description above. 1-6 volunteers needed.	See description above	Brian Wodrich 970-947-2970
<b>SWA Assistance-Steamboat Springs</b>	Chuck Lewis SWA, Adams SWA, Yampa SWA, Sarvis Creek SWA, Hayden Gun Range	See description above.	See description above	Steve Baumgartner 970-846-0904
<b>SWA Assistance-Mesa Co.</b>	Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area Shooting Range	See description above.	Ongoing	Derek Lovoi 970-858-3200



One of our youngest volunteers, **Leah Sirochman**, proudly displays the animal that will be fed to a hawk being cared for at Parks and Wildlife's Frisco Creek Rehabilitation Facility in Del Norte.

Photo by **Michael Sirochman**, Wildlife Facility Manager.

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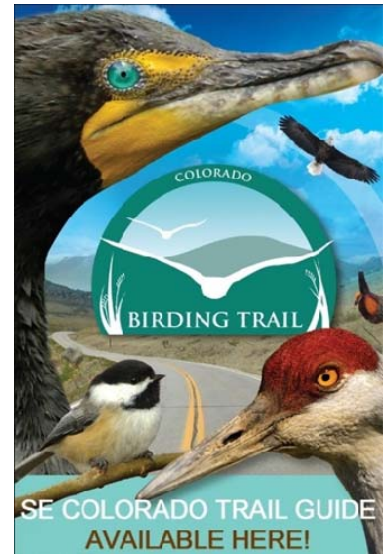
NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Aquatic</b>				
<b>River Watch</b>	Durango Hatchery	Volunteers needed to help archive historic data and assist with data management from over 140 groups monitoring Colorado's rivers over the past 20 years. No prior experience necessary with water quality or computers.	Ongoing, Flexible hours	Barb Horn 970-247-6667
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>Gunnison Office Volunteer</b>	Gunnison Area Office	Volunteer needed to answer hunting and fishing questions over the phone and in-person, sell licenses and assist with other customer information and services.	Ongoing	Kathaleen Dixon 970-641-7060

## Migrating Along the Colorado Birding Trail

Winter can be a great time to explore Colorado – when the snow isn't blowing outside! If you're looking for ways to take advantage of what the state has to offer, we recommend checking out the Colorado Birding Trail website. The site is loaded with dozens of public and private sites for viewing birds and other wildlife, as well as hundreds of tips on how to make the most of your experience. The southeast and southwest regions of Colorado are currently featured, and work has begun on a northwest birding trail guide. Gear up for grouse-, crane-, and prairie-chicken viewing early next spring by checking out our trails in Gunnison, the San Luis Valley and Lamar. Visit [www.coloradobirdingtrail.com](http://www.coloradobirdingtrail.com) for more information.

Another great way to get involved with local birding activity is by participating in one of the annual Christmas bird counts, such as the one taking place in Salida on December 18th. Keep an eye on your local paper or check with your area Audubon chapter for other opportunities. For those living in the southeast, visit [www.socobirds.org](http://www.socobirds.org).

Whichever opportunities you choose to take advantage of, please drive safely during our winter weather!



Despite being river-bound in October's surprisingly chilly weather, Parks and Wildlife volunteers are all smiles as they assist agency staff with taking and milking spawn and silt from kokanee near Durango.

Photo by **Jim White**.



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