

Wyoming Naturalist



General Interest Events

September 7th - Stars of Sinks Canyon 9pm-10:30pm, Sinks Canyon

September 20th-22nd - WNP Annual Meeting in Casper

Advanced Training Opportunities

September 20th-22nd - WNP Annual Meeting in Casper

September 21st - Bird Banding @ Edness K. Wilkins S.P.

September 21st - Casper Mountain Field Training

September 22nd - Wildlife Diseases @ Izaak Walton Lodge

September - Bird Banding (Fall Migration)

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WY Naturalist Website

<https://wyomingnaturalists.wyomingbiodiversity.org>

Volunteer Opportunities

- Teton County Weed & Pest Tick Blitz - tcweed.org/vectorborne

- Laramie Peak WHMA Fence Removal with Wyoming Game and Fish - [Register](#)

- The Wyoming Naturalist Program has a [story map](#) of the conservation work/training that Wyoming Naturalists have been involved with. For each submission of a service project, or in-person advanced training, you can earn 1 hour of volunteer service. To submit your story projects, use this [easy form](#).

If you see an opportunity to help grow/organize/lift the Wyoming Naturalist Program in any way and would like to volunteer for the program, please contact zach.hutchinson@audubon.org. Opportunities could include organizing the annual meeting and/or the outdoor training, finding advanced training opportunities, curating volunteer service projects, or assisting/administrating other tasks to keep the machine running. The program only grows with your help!

Wyoming Naturalist Program Annual Meeting

The WNP Annual Meeting will be held at the Izaak Walton League campground and lodge in Casper from September 20th through the 22nd. Free camping is available on the 20th and 21st at the Izaak Walton campground. Inexpensive hotels are available in the area. Lunch and dinner on the 21st, and breakfast on the 22nd will be provided by the WNP. All other meals will be on your own. *This schedule is tentative and subject to change by the meeting dates.*

Friday	Activity	Location	Saturday	Activity	Location
3pm	Camp & Lodge Open	Izaak Walton Lodge	2:30pm	Casper Mountain Field Advanced Training	Casper Mountain
4pm	Photo Contest Install Begins	Izaak Walton Lodge	5pm	WNP Updates	Izaak Walton Lodge
6pm	Social Hour/Cohort Comingling	Izaak Walton Lodge	5:30pm	Group Dinner(Provided)	Izaak Walton Lodge
Saturday	Activity	Location	6:30pm	Capstone Updates-Journal Share-Social Hour	Izaak Walton Lodge
7am	Bird Banding Advanced Training	Edness K Wilkins SP	8pm	Silent Auction and Photo Voting Closes	Izaak Walton Lodge
9am	Silent Auction and Photo Voting Opens	Izaak Walton Lodge	Sunday	Activity	Location
9:30am	Welcome	Izaak Walton Lodge	7:30am	Group Breakfast	Izaak Walton Lodge
10am	Service Project-Russian Olive Removal	Along North Platte	8:45am	Awards	Izaak Walton Lodge
1pm	Service Project Ends	Along North Platte	10am	Advanced Training: Wildlife Diseases with Jessica Jennings	Izaak Walton Lodge
1:15pm	Group Lunch (Provided)	TBD	11am	Wrap-up	Izaak Walton Lodge

WNP Annual Meeting Photo Contest

This year we are putting together a photo contest at our Annual Meeting! This is a great time to share what our Naturalists have been seeing in the past year and showcase any cool pictures you have captured. Photos must have been taken in Wyoming between September 2023 and September 2024 by Wyoming Naturalists. There is no specific size requirement for your printed photo, just avoid oversize and undersized pictures. We recommend precut matboard frames and then taping your photograph to the matboard. Photos can be framed but glass must be removed. Please include with your photo a label with information on who took the photo, where you were, and what the subject is. No more than 2 images per category per person. This is also a great opportunity to donate your image to the silent auction fundraiser. Include your photo in a nice frame and it will be a great addition to our auction!

Photo Contest Categories:

- **Plants:** Wyoming has some great plant life, let's see what you got!
- **Wildlife:** Let's see some of the cool critters you got pictures of this past year!
- **Volunteering:** Great time to share pictures you took during your volunteering activities across Wyoming since our last annual meeting!
- **Other:** If you have cool pictures that don't fit in the other categories this is the spot for those! Think scenic, recreation, people, or pictures from WNP events!

Voting will take place by attendees; 1 vote per category per person. Category winners will be announced during the recognition ceremony on Sunday morning.

Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting - Donations Needed!

Wyoming Naturalists will have an opportunity to further support the program through a silent auction event at this year's meeting! If you have items to donate (e.g. art, field guides, naturalist equipment, etc..) please contact Jennie Lawrence at missiennae@yahoo.com with information about what the object is, what the minimum bid should be, and how the item will get to Casper (hopefully with the donator!) All money raised from the auction will benefit the Wyoming Naturalist Program by helping pay for the campground during the field weekend for new cohorts and acquiring meeting space for a new Annual Meeting location in 2025.

*******Call for Photos*******

The Wyoming Naturalist Program Steering Committee is calling on naturalists to share photos from the field. Share photos of your volunteering or recreational activities. If you are a photographer, please share photos we might be able to use in the newsletter, website, and promotions for the program. All images will be credited.

[Upload images to Box](#) - Your name must be part of the file name.

Please title images using the following format:

Image title or species name -your name- date image was taken

Example: Red Crossbill - Zach Hutchinson - Jan 19 2024

****Please be sure to title your images before uploading! We can't share photos without credit.**





2024 Tentative Bird Banding Dates

Hummingbirds (Casper Mountain) - August 24th and September 7th

Attending training qualifies for advanced training hours, and attendance at MAPS and hummingbird dates can be submitted as volunteer hours. A typical MAPS day is worth 6-10 volunteer hours. Most of these opportunities start between 5-6am and are finished between 12-1pm. Attendance for the full day is not required.

If you would like to volunteer at a Casper MAPS station, register [HERE](#).

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