

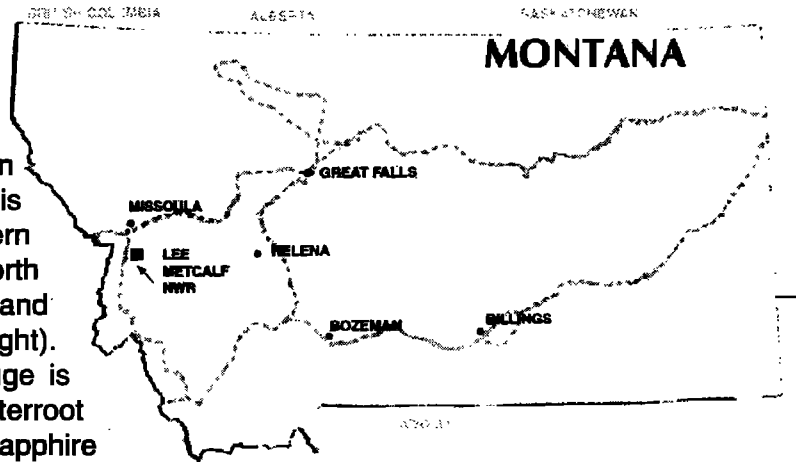


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2003 ANNUAL MEETING in MONTANA

The Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will host the 2003 Western Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting, 28-31 Aug. The refuge is located in the Bitterroot Valley of western Montana, 25 mi south of Missoula, just north of the town of Stevensville, on the Lewis and Clark Trail (wiggly line on map at right). Established in 1964, the 2800-acre refuge is situated in a river-bottom with the Bitterroot Mountains to the West, and the Sapphire Mountains to the east. The Bitterroot River borders the Refuge to the west, while 13 man-made impoundments provide resting, feeding, and nesting habitat for a variety of migratory birds. Ten years of MAPS banding data have been collected from the Refuge's riparian habitat along the Bitterroot River. Visit the refuge's website at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/leemetcalf/index.html>



This refuge provides a unique experience for conference attendees with its proximity to Missoula International Airport (approximately 30 miles), Teller Wildlife Refuge for gourmet catering and lodging, and the Refuge's prolific banding station, which will enable hands-on mist-netting and banding opportunities. Several places are available for field trips, including the National Bison Range Complex, Bitterroot National Forest, and several other local birding hot spots.

Lodging will be at Teller Wildlife Refuge, a private, non-profit refuge in Corvallis, MT, approximately ten miles south of the NWR. Teller provides an Oct.-Dec. 2002

exceptional experience for its guests, including lodging in historic 1800s farm houses, fully catered gourmet meals and a beautiful, farm-like atmosphere. Although Teller can accommodate only 22 overnight guests in shared rooms, they have arranged for the over-flow to stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Hamilton, another ten miles south. Teller will provide three meals a day for all the attendees, and can provide boxed breakfasts and lunches as needed. One large conference room and several small conference rooms are available for our use. Below is a breakdown of the rates Teller will charge for the conference:

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| Lodging per person at \$55.00 per night | \$55.00 |
| Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at \$30.00 per day | <u>30.00</u> |
| Total guest cost per day | \$85.00 |

For detailed descriptions of all their services, visit Teller Wildlife Refuge's website at:

www.tellerwildlife.org

Call for Papers: Abstracts are now being accepted for posters and oral presentations. Papers and posters should address some aspect of capturing, banding or marking birds. Acceptable topics include: results of studies, use of techniques, analysis of study results and/or the value of bird banding in conservation. Abstracts should include: 1.) Title; 2.) Name(s), affiliation(s), and address(es) of the author(s); 3.) Summary of the information to be presented; 4.) Specification of any audio-visual equipment needed. Demonstrations on similar topics are also welcome. Please provide the topic and a brief description; specify time, space and equipment requirements for display. All correspondence regarding presentations should be directed to Stephanie Jones, USFWS. The deadline for abstracts is 2 Jun 2003.

Additional information will be sent to members, and posted on the WBBA web page, later in the spring.

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Acknowledging and Thanking Reviewers

When a paper is submitted to me for possible publication in *NABB*, it must go through a review process before it can be accepted. In addition to the WBBA editor, at least two people read and comment on each manuscript. I try to find reviewers who are knowledgeable in the subject of the paper and who can offer useful suggestions on both content and presentation. We have been fortunate in having the people listed below agree to act as referees for manuscript submissions. Not expected, but particularly appreciated by me, were those reviewers who—even on finding a paper unacceptable—made extensive constructive comments and offered to help the author create a publishable revision. This kind of assistance and cooperation means a lot to both the editor and the author.

The following people reviewed papers submitted to me for publication in *NABB* during the last two years: Martin Barker, Anna Marie Benson, Kenneth Burton, Barbara Carlson, Howard Cogswell, Rita Colwell, Geoff Geupel, Joan Hagar, Grainger Hunt, Nick Komar, Tony Leukering, William Loughman, Robert McLean, Erica Nol, Phil Nott, Brent Ortego, John Pearce, Peter Pyle, C.J.Ralph, Stephen Russell, and Robert Tweit.

Thanks to each of you for the time and effort you have spent in the service of *NABB*.

Kay Loughman
WBBA editor

Thanks to Sustainers

WBBA would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank its Sustaining members. These members help support the organization through higher dues, with no additional membership benefits. We are extremely grateful for their commitment and contribution.

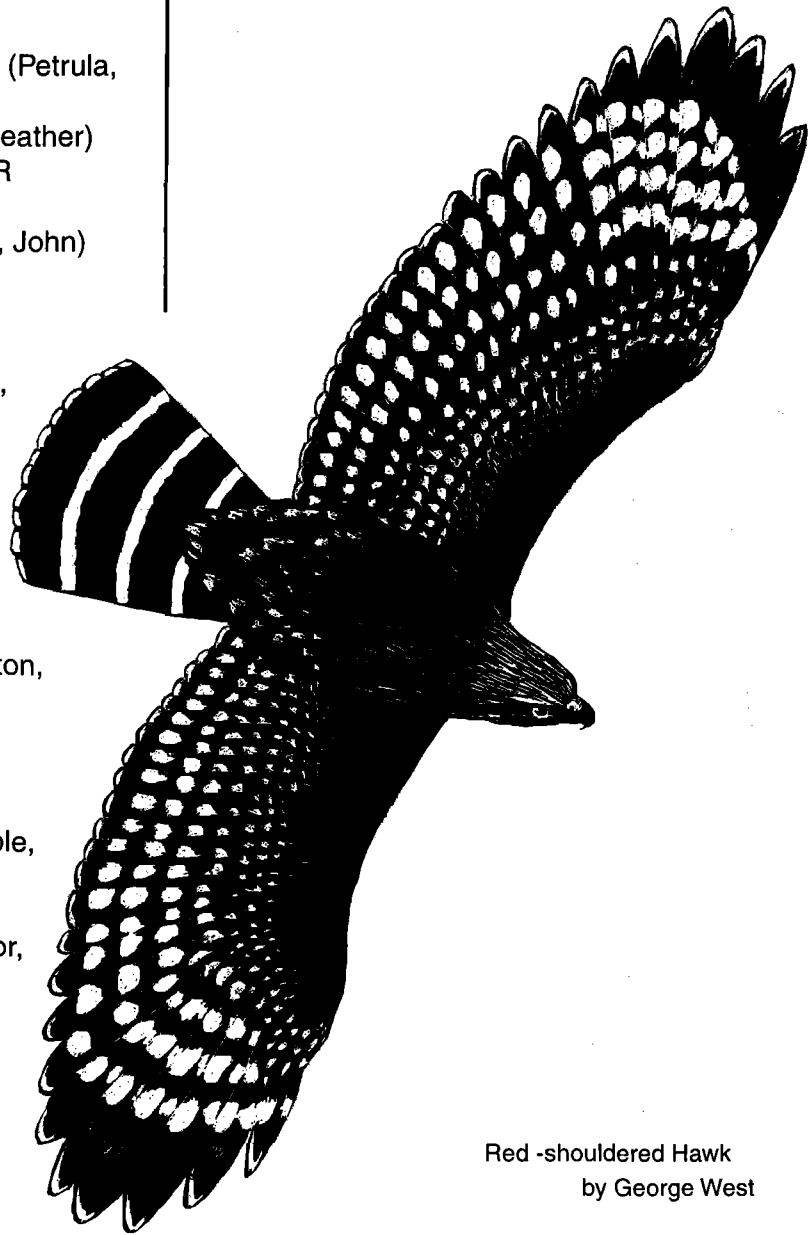
As of January 2003, our Sustaining members are Arleen Feng, Dawn Garcia, Joe Kahl, Danielle Kaschube, Richard E. Kust, Rosalie C Lefkowitz, Martin J. Muller, Kristine McBride, and Jay Tischendorf D.V.M.

A warm and heartfelt "Thank you!" to all of you.

ERRATA

The WBBA editor very much regrets the omission of code numbers for banders on page 117 of NABB 27(3). The numbers, with corresponding names, are shown below:

| <u>#</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
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| A01 | Abbors, Stephen E. |
| A07 | Alamosa/Monte Vista NWR (Rawinski, Lisa) |
| A04 | Alaska Bird Observatory |
| A09 | Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game (Petrula, Mike) |
| A02 | Alaska Maritime NWR (Moor, Heather) |
| A08 | Alaska Pennsula/Becharof NWR (Savage, Susan) |
| A10 | Alaska Science Center (Pearce, John) |
| A06 | Anderson, Jon |
| A11 | Arcece, P. |
| A05 | Ash Meadows NWR |
| A03 | Aubovirus Field Station (Reisen, William K.) |
| B01 | Beaver, Donald L. |
| B15 | Benedict, Richard |
| B13 | Benkman, Craig |
| B07 | Bently, Ray |
| B16 | Benton Lake NWR |
| B05 | Bettesworth, Jack |
| B17 | Big Sur Ornithology Lab (Hamilton, Sarah) |
| B14 | BioDiversity Research Institute (Evers, Dave) |
| B02 | Blevins, Gary |
| B06 | BLM - Rawlins Field Office (Apple, Larry) |
| B08 | Booth, Grahame |
| B19 | Bosque del Apache NWR (Taylor, John) |
| B18 | Bouricius, Steven and Debra |
| B04 | Bowdoin NWR |
| B09 | Boyles, Mike |
| B11 | Brady, George |
| B03 | Brandt, Dave |
| B12 | Braun, Clint |
| B10 | Burt, Edward |



Red -shouldered Hawk
by George West