

National Elk Refuge

2009 Naturalist Night Speaker Series



Several special evening programs will be offered at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center this summer as part of a Naturalist Night speaker series. The programs offer an opportunity for local conservation organizations, Federal and state agencies, and other interested parties or individuals to discuss topics and share information pertaining to wildlife and habitat. Persons attending the sessions will meet biologists conducting field work and learn about current research and issues.

The visitor center is located at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson, Wyoming. All programs are offered at 5:30 PM and are free of charge.

For more information on the Naturalist Night speaker series, please call (307) 734-9378. To receive an electronic reminder prior to an event, please email your request to nationalelkrefuge@fws.gov, with "Naturalist Night" written on the subject line.



Raptors — Tuesday, June 30

Biologist Roger Smith will outline the mission of the Teton Raptor Center, presenting an overview of the rescue and rehabilitation stages of injured raptors and discussing common injuries.



Coyotes — Tuesday, July 14

Franz Camenzind from the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance will highlight his six years of field research on the ecology and behavior of free-ranging coyotes in Jackson Hole.



Whitebark Pine — Tuesday, July 28

Grand Teton National Park ecologist Nancy Bockino will discuss the changing condition of whitebark pine and the future of the species.



Bighorn Sheep — Tuesday, August 11

Aly Courtemanch from the University of Wyoming's Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit will give an overview of a local project studying bighorn sheep habitat use, seasonal distribution, movement, and survival of both adults and lambs.



Wolves and Wolf Management in Wyoming — Tuesday, August 25

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wolf Biologist Mike Jimenez will discuss wolf biology, predator-prey relationships, wolf-livestock conflicts, and the current wolf population status and legal challenges.



Bears — Tuesday, September 8

Wyoming Game & Fish Department Biologist Mike Boyce will discuss human/bear conflict prevention, bear encounters, and grizzly bear population trends and range expansion.



Elk Migration and Habitat Use — Tuesday, September 22

National Elk Refuge Biologist Eric Cole will discuss the seasonal migration patterns of the Jackson Elk Herd, including some of the latest research that allows scientists and managers to accurately track elk movements and habitat use.