

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Volunteer Newsletter

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What's New?

We are sad to say farewell to Deputy Project Leader, Sharon Vaughn. We congratulate her on her new job as Project Leader for San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Alamosa, Colorado. As a woman of the Refuge, she is admired and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck on her next conservation journey!

Refuge Round Up!

Eagle Day was a soaring success! Many thanks to our volunteers and their hard work! There were over 500 attendees for the event and many eagles out on the Refuge. Thanks to Ogden Nature Center for bringing Des Ta Té, who was the highlight of the day.

Refuge Spotlight

March is Women's History Month and we want to let you know about our *Women of the Refuge*.



"Folks - What a success we had on Eagle Day! Once again, I was able to see visitors connecting with nature and learning about the birds of the refuge. I think it was fantastic to spend time with our visitors and volunteers—I learned a great deal about their experiences. I want to thank each of you for your outstanding work organizing and carrying out a very successful event. "

- Bob Barrett, Project Leader

Meet the Bear River Refuge Team of Women

- Alyssa– SCA Intern, Education Specialist
- Andrea - Park Ranger
- Jen - SCA Intern, Park Ranger
- Karen - Budget Specialist
- Kathi - Visitor Services Manager
- Katie - Wildlife Refuge Specialist
- Lisa - Federal Zone Officer
- Mindy - Budget Specialist
- Sara - SCA Intern, Biology Technician

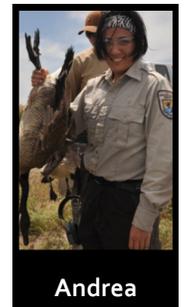
* If you don't know these ladies, seek them out and get to know them!



Karen



Sara



Andrea



Alyssa (left); Jen



Katie



Kathi



"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

Quoted by Lewis Grizzard in *Kathy Sue Loudermilk, I Love You*

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC):

Now Hiring!

Bear River Refuge will hire 6 youth this summer for an 8-week term, June 22nd to August 14th. The YCC crew will work on outdoor projects including trail maintenance, wildlife surveys, fencing, and reducing invasive plants. The job is an excellent kick-start to any teen's resumé, and while the work is demanding, it is also highly rewarding. Applications are due April 15th and are available at the front desk or at the Refuge website <http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147508820>



A Woman to Honor...

We remember Marie L. Kase, who passed away on February 25, 2015. Marie joined Bear River's volunteer team when the Refuge began its education and outreach program. She was an active volunteer for 10 years, serving from 2003 to 2013! As an avid birder, Marie was a great asset to the Refuge mission! During her volunteer term, she guided birding tours, helped with Environmental Education, and welcomed thousands of visitors to the Refuge. We would like to express our sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

Mark your Calendars!

- March 28th: Volunteer Clean-Up Day (9am-1pm)
- March 31st: Junior Duck Stamp Judging (12-4pm)
- April 25th: Call of the Wetlands (10am - 3pm)
- May 9th: Junior Duck Stamp Awards & International Migratory Bird Day Open House

Volunteer Clean-up Day - Saturday, March 28, 9am -1pm

You're Invited! Join Ranger Katie and volunteers from Delta Waterfowl to pick up litter from Unit 3. This is an excellent opportunity to help and see an area that is normally closed to the public. Call or email Katie at 435-734-6436 or Katie_Mcvey@fws.gov for more details or if you plan on attending.



A Hoot to Social Media

A special shout-out to Alyssa and Katie for the #Superb_Owl tweet seen around the world from Bear River Refuge. Not only was this photo one of our best-ever tweets, it became the Department of Interior's (DOI) most engaging Instagram post of all-time. It was also featured on Good Morning America, Huffington Post, ABC News, and countless other outlets. Thank you Katie and Alyssa for putting Bear River Refuge on the map!

Wacky Wildlife Jokes:

A. Why was the frog happy?

B. What is the best way to call a skunk?

Answers : A. Because he ate everything that bugged him!
B. Long Distance!