

Dear Friends of Birds!

The 2018 Birdathon "Team with No Name" completed our big day on Sunday, June 3, 2018. After touring hotspots in and around Helena we headed west of town on Birdseye Road to Austin Road. This route brought us many species of birds, such that by noon we had 69 species.

Over the top of Mullen Pass, down to HWY 12 West, then north to Helmsville and Brown's Lake, giving us 96 species by 5:30 p.m.

Turning north on HWY 434 off of HWY 200 brought the spectacular scenery of green carpet, complete with blankets of yellow flowers, against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountain Front. Oh, and there were BIRDS, too! And a BIG black cloud with thunder and lightning. Fortunately, the rain was light, with no hail.

By the end of the day, after driving 265 miles, we had counted 110 species, with the final two being the Short-eared Owl and the Ferruginous Hawk - one adult and one juvenile!

BIG "THANK YOU" to my teammates, Larry Urban and Curt Larsen! We make a great team!

I have compiled photos on my Flickr site (see link below) and invite you to peruse them at your leisure. I have also attached the list of birds seen, below.

Funds raised during this FUN Fundraiser go to both Last Chance Audubon Society (our local Chapter) and Montana Audubon (State Organization) to promote wildlife surveys and other conservation efforts.

If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to: L.C.A.S. and send them to me: Janice Miller, 815 11th Ave, Helena, MT 59601.

THANK YOU!

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May you enjoy Spring and Birds wherever you may be.

Janice Miller

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