

THE LAND STEWARD

Teton Regional Land Trust's Stewardship Newsletter

Spring 2019

There's No Place Like Home

Installing bird houses on your land is an excellent way to support additional breeding resources for birds. Bird houses can be used to attract unique or rare species to your land and are an avenue to observe lesser-seen bird behavior. Many birds provide a number of ecosystem services that directly benefit people, including pollination and pest control, and nest boxes are a great way to facilitate more of these services on your land. For example, installing a handful of Tree Swallow nest boxes is a way to naturally reduce the



number of mosquitos and other flying insects. Installing nest boxes for owls can serve to reduce populations of mice and other small rodents.

Nestwatch.org is a fantastic resource for learning the most effective ways to build and install birdhouses for specific bird species. It details features of a good birdhouse, has construction plans for birdhouses for multiple species and offers tips on nest box placement, managing for unwanted species, and dealing with bird

predators. It also gives details on bird nesting periods, habitat, and suggestions on how and where to most effectively attach the birdhouse. We hope you consider installing a nest box/birdhouse as a way to improve bird habitat on your land!



Give Osprey a Wing Up

During nesting season, raptors across our service area are busy looking for materials to build their nests. Unfortunately, seemingly harmless byproducts of recreation, farming and ranching such as fishing line and baling twine are often mistaken for natural materials that Osprey use for nest building. These can cause Osprey to get tangled in the material, which often lead to serious injury, requiring

rehabilitation in best case scenarios, and death in the worst cases.

What can you do?

- Gather discarded fishing line when you leave your secret fishing spot and pick up all used baling twine in fields and on fence posts.
- Dispose of old fishing line and baling twine out of the reach of raptors or store used twine out of sight. Barns or 45 gallon drums are good choices.
- Tell your friends – together we can prevent unnecessary suffering and injury to wildlife

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Spring is Here!

With the arrival of spring, the Teton Regional Land Trust Stewardship Staff are dusting off their boots and getting ready to hit the road for our annual site visits. Please contact us today if you would like to arrange a time to meet with our staff as they visit your property this summer! We would also like to hear from you if you need to update your contact information or alert us to any changes.

Landowner Resources

With great conservation success comes great responsibility. With every property Teton Regional Land Trust helps protect with a conservation easement, we have assumed the responsibility to ensure that the conservation easement terms are upheld and the unique conservation values of the property remain intact, forever.

Our Stewardship Staff are our connection to easement landowners. Building relationships with landowners—walking their land with them and working to address common concerns—goes a long way toward making sure that the purposes of our conservation easements are upheld.

Please contact our Stewardship Staff to make an appointment to review your conservation easement terms or to join us on the annual stewardship visit.

If you plan to make any changes to your property, such as exercising a reserved right outlined by your conservation easement, or if you intend to sell or gift your property; give us a call so we can ensure that the appropriate documentation is obtained.

Please visit the Teton Regional Land Trust's website for more information on Landowner Resources, or call us today if you have any questions. www.tetonlandtrust.org/conserve/landowners

CONTACT US

For questions, to schedule a meeting to review your conservation easement, or to schedule a visit to walk your land, contact us today!

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Visit us on the web at
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When to Give Notice?

If you are unsure if an activity requires prior notification and approval from the Land Trust,

Give us a call!

We are always happy to answer questions regarding your conservation easement

Planning to build or add on to a structure?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to change your land management practices?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to build a fence or road?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to sell/gift your conservation easement property

Give Us a Call!

Need to Update your Contact Info or Preference?

Give Us a Call!

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Regional County Weed Contacts

Don't forget to reach out to your local county weed representative to stay up to date regarding any cost-share weed control programs that might be available:

Bonneville County:

Jeffrey Pettingill,
Weed Superintendent
208-589-9920

Clark County:

Bo Billman,
Weed Department
208-709-6706

Fremont County:

Bryce Fowler,
Weed Supervisor
208-624-7442

Jefferson County:

Mitch Whitmill,
Weed Superintendent
208-745-9221

Madison County:

Tony Pozenel,
Weed Supervisor
208-356-3139

Teton County, ID:

Amanda Williams,
Weed Superintendent
208-354-2593

Teton County, WY

Teton County Weed & Pest
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307-733-8419



Bug Power

Spring is a time for renewal, and as we look forward to the season giving us longer days, birds chirping and plant life budding, we also know that one thing we do not look forward to will soon be springing back to life, noxious weeds. We curse them, we cut them, we spray them and they keep coming back. What if we had the power to combat them biologically? With certain insects, we may be able to stymie the growth of these stubborn spring intruders. Biological control for the purpose of combatting noxious weed levels involves the use of live, natural enemies such as insects, to reduce certain noxious weed population levels.

While it would be nice if we could simply introduce a colony of bugs to these weedy invaders and let them do all the work, the insects do their best work in combination with other noxious weed control efforts. This is known as Integrated Weed Management (IWM), where biological control is a component of the strategy, but not the cure-all.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management have joined forces to provide state-wide technical advice, guidance, and training on IWM, specifically targeting biological control of noxious weeds. Approved biological control agents for release in Idaho include those that are natural enemies of the following noxious weeds found in the TRLT service area:

Canada thistle	Russian knapweed
Dalmatian toadflax	Saltcedar
Diffuse knapweed	Scotch broom
Leafy spurge	Spotted knapweed
Meadow knapweed	Squarrose knapweed
Mediterranean sage	Tansy ragwort
Purple loosestrife	Yellow starthistle
Rush skeletonweed	Yellow toadflax

For more information regarding these specific biological control agents, how they are used, and their success rates go to invasivespecies.idaho.gov/biological-control or contact your county's weed control department, who may also be able to provide insects to you at little or no cost.

2019 Calendar



- **April 1st — August 1st** — Bird Nesting Season
- **April 27th** – Pacific Northwest Bumble Bee Atlas Training – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – IDFG Office – Idaho Falls, ID
- **May 10th** - Deadline for NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications - contact your local NRCS Service Center for more information
- **June 3rd** – Mendin’ Fences Mountain Bikes and Horses on the Trails: A Workshop – 5:30 pm – Pioneer Park, Victor, ID
- **June 5th** – Winther Range Workshop – Winther Ranch, Dehlin, ID – (contact Bonneville County Weed Dept. for more info 208-529-1397 or weeds@co.bonneville.id.us
- **June 7th** - Birding with Bill – 7:00 am – Meet at TRLT Office (space limited / call for reservations or visit the TRLT website > Events)
- **June 19th** – Teton Valley Tin Cup Pint Night – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Grand Teton Brewing, Victor, ID
- **June 22nd** – Wrun for Wray Targhee Hill Climb – Race begins at 10:00 am - Grand Targhee Resort, Alta, WY (registration for participation required)
- **June 22nd** - Weed Workshop for Landowners – Teton County, ID Courthouse – Driggs, ID (call 208-821-0984 for more details)
- **July 3rd** – Island Park Wildflower Walk – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Flying W Ranch, Island Park, ID (meet at intersection of Yale-Kilgore Road and Highway 20 – call TRLT for reservations)
- **September 21st** – 2nd Annual Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival – Driggs City Center, Driggs, ID

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Center:
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