

## Arkansas Valley Audubon Society *Valley Harrier*

Notes from the President: Dr. Peg Rooney

September 2018

AVAS partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife Pueblo Region and the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center (NWDC) to build and install 6 bird-safe fishing line recycling bins at Lake Pueblo State Park, Valco Ponds and on the Arkansas River near NWDC. Discarded fishing line can entangle and kill birds. Fishing line disposal containers can decrease the threat to birds and other wildlife and raise anglers' awareness about the use of non-lead fishing tackle and proper disposal of fishing line.

AVAS got a grant from National Audubon to plant native plant gardens for birds and other pollinators. Watch for gardens at Lake Pueblo and NWDC along the Arkansas River next spring.

AVAS also got a grant from Audubon Colorado Council to provide free boxes of 30.06 copper rifle bullets to big game hunters to help "get the lead out". Eagle, hawks, other birds and animals die of lead poisoning each year. Meat harvested with lead bullets can be dangerous to human health as well. Vouchers are available for redemption from Arctic Shooting Supply 411 W. 6<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo until 9/27/18. Contact [arkvalleyaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:arkvalleyaudubon@gmail.com) for a voucher. First come, first served.



Mark Your Calendars: AVAS community programs at 11am at Rawlings Library InfoZone:

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9/22/18 John Rawinski on “Owls: Of Witches and Folklore”

11/10/18 Ty Woodward on “Monitoring Bird Species for Conservation”

AVAS continues to speak out against threats to the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and other proposed actions that threaten birds and their habitats locally, statewide, and nationally.

Join us in our fight to protect birds! Membership information is at [www.socobirds.org](http://www.socobirds.org) or you can email us at [arkvalleyaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:arkvalleyaudubon@gmail.com).

Remember to VOTE in 2018 for candidates who support wildlife and the environment.

