

Our goal with these premiums is to highlight some of the producers of our valley, or to offer educational, experiential trips aimed at appreciation of the Bitterroot Valley. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please let us know. Premiums will come and go...so keep checking!!! Pledge amounts represent minimums- we encourage you to pledge more!

Premiums less than \$100



Winter Eagle T-shirt: Promote our project in style by wearing this t-shirt! It features the work of local artist Karen Savory and depicts two of the properties conserved by [Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#), [Bitterroot Audubon](#) and [Raptor View Research Institute](#) logos are on the sleeve. Shirts are charcoal grey and come in adult and youth sizes.

Pledge amount: \$40+



Scattertracks Ornaments:

[Kathleen Sheard](#) is a Bitterroot Valley artist specializing in fused glass. Kathleen is sharing some of her Scattertracks collection- light-catching ornaments that go well in a window or on a wall. Her offerings include the tracks of the bald eagle, beaver, trumpeter swan, and mule deer.

Pledge amount: \$60+

Premiums less than \$100

Bald Eagle Prints: Max Stroppel has monitored Bald Eagle nests in the Bitterroot Valley for many years. Max is donating prints of his eagle pictures to encourage others to be good Citizen Scientists!

Pledge amount:

\$25+ 8x10

\$50+ 13x19

\$250+ 13x19 framed



Premiums less than \$100

Bitterroot Apples: Frost Top Orchard and Open Lands Board member Al Pernichele have generously donated 15 boxes of tasty apples to the project. Your choice of a 40-lb box of Macs, Fuji, Spartan, or Honeycrisp. Available for pick up at Frost Top Orchard, Corvallis after October 15.

Pledge amount: \$50



Garlic: Enjoy a bag of organically grown hardneck and softneck garlic, donated by the Stones in Stevensville. Mixed bags of five varieties available now, or up to 20 varieties to choose from in August.

Pledge amount: \$30+

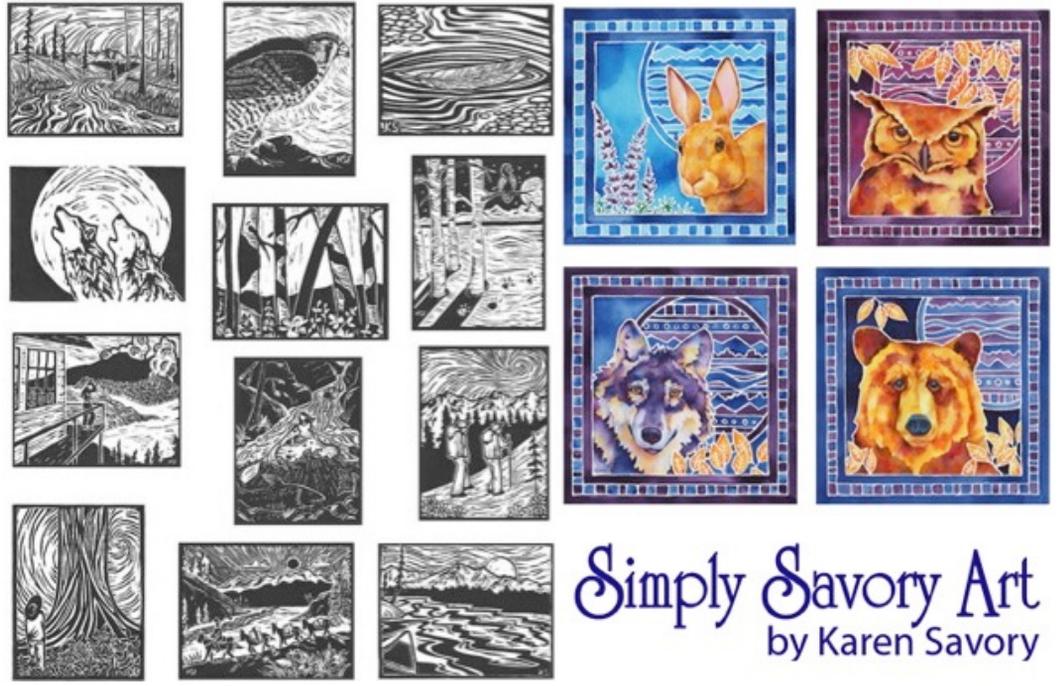
Grass-fed ground beef: Enjoy some tasty beef straight from the Burnt Fork thanks to the Meyer Family. Great for burgers!

Pledge amount: 1 lb of beef for every \$20 pledged

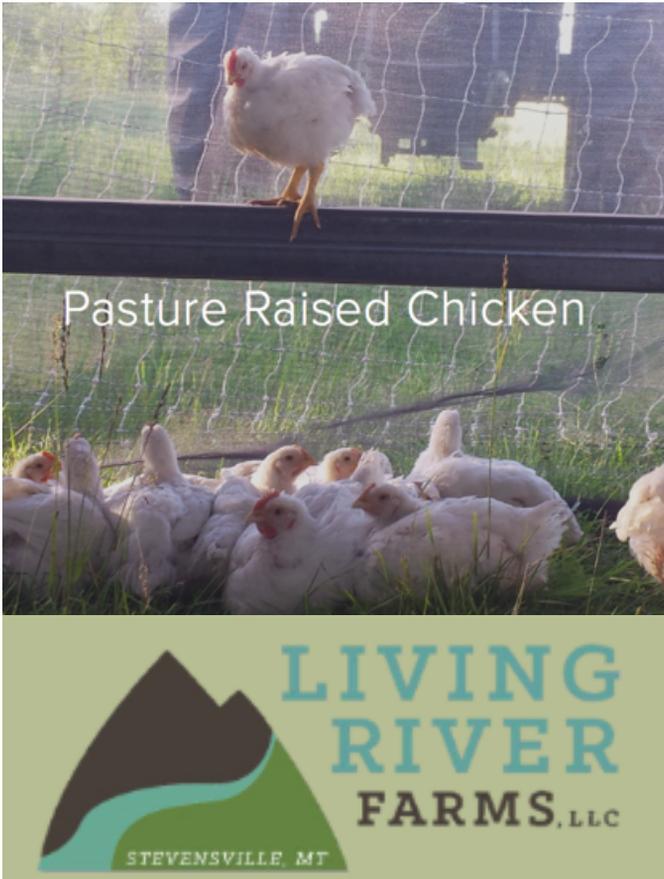


Premiums less than \$100

Karen Savory
Boxed Card Sets:
[Karen Savory](#) is well known for her art related to wildlife and conservation. She is offering sets of black-and-white cards celebrating wilderness, and square, colored cards with images of local wildlife.
Pledge amount:
\$40+



Simply Savory Art
by Karen Savory



Pasture-raised Chicken: Beau and Christopher from [Living River Farms](#) produce the best chickens in the valley, thanks to their innovative techniques and superior animal husbandry. Their chickens are more than free range, they are pasture raised and never receive antibiotics, added hormones, or any chemical. Take home a whole chicken for your family!!

Pledge amount: \$30+

Premiums less than \$100



Glass coasters:

[Kathleen Sheard](#) is a Bitterroot Valley artist specializing in fused glass. Amongst Kathleen's collection are vibrant glass coasters, including Kemp's ridley turtle, loggerhead turtle, mountain lions, raven, and mule deer.

Pledge amount: \$60+



Raptor View Research Institute T-shirt: Support [Raptor View Research Institute](#) and enjoy a 100% organic cotton t-shirt featuring a Golden Eagle or our logo !! Adult sizes.
Pledge amount: \$40+

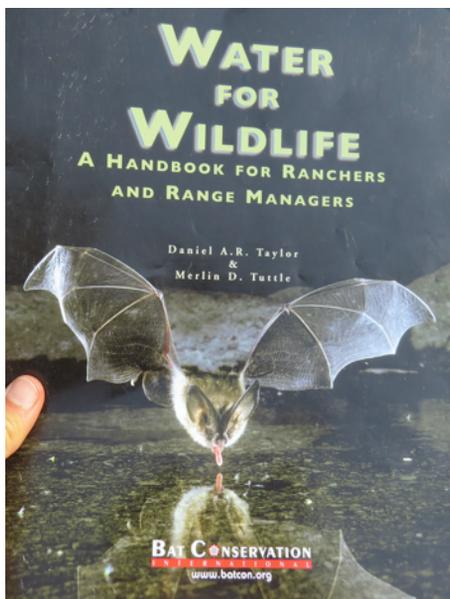
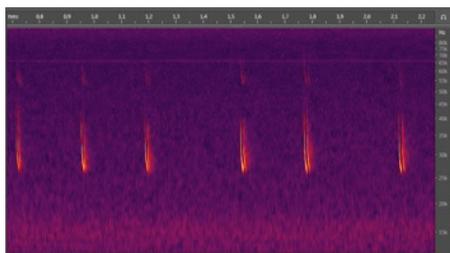


Bluebird and House Wren houses!! [Bitterroot Audubon](#) members Max Stoppel and Larry Dewey have donated the time, materials, and construction of these bird houses to provide nesting structures for these important insectivores.

Pledge amount: \$30+

Premiums \$100-\$300

Kerslake Ranch Premium Hay- First cutting orchard and timothy grass hay. Horse quality and put up bright, green, and dry. 60 lb bales. Pick up at Kerslake Ranch on Middle Burnt Fork Rd, Stevensville, or brought to you for delivery fee. **\$200+**



The Bats in Your Yard: Do you have a pond, stream, or stock tank? Chances are, one of Montana's 15 bat species probably frequents your property. When bats emerge every evening, the first thing they do is drink water. We'll use a supersonic microphone and special iPad software to "listen" and identify the bats coming to water on your property. We'll use a thermal camera to try and watch them fly. Learn about how to make your property good bat habitat. Participants will get a free poster of the Bats of Montana. Best time: June, July, and August.

Pledge amount: \$100+

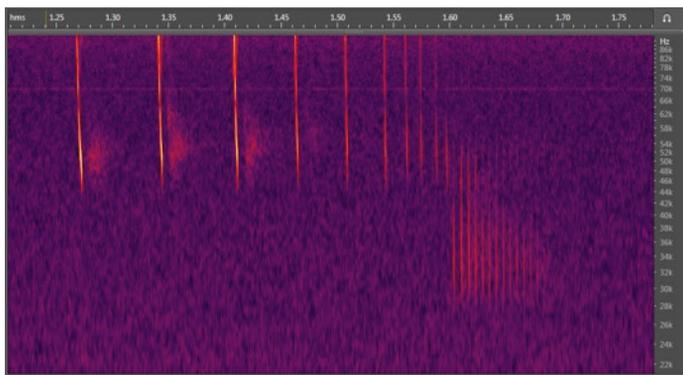
Common Poorwills: Join staff from [MPG Ranch](#) in Florence for an evening of Common Poorwill trapping. Learn more about this curious insectivore, common yet seldom seen on the east side of the Bitterroot Valley. This two-hour trip takes place at sundown. Limited to 6 people. Best times: May-September. **Pledge amount: \$200+**



Premiums \$100-\$300

Raptor migration field trip: Did you know that thousands of raptors migrate over the Bitterroot Valley in both the spring and fall? Join biologists from [Raptor View Research Institute](#) and [MPG Ranch](#) in Florence for a day of raptor counting. Participants will spend a day scanning the skies, learning how to identify hawks of all kinds. The best time for spring migrations is April and for fall is late September and early October. Limited to one carload.

Pledge amount: \$200+



Bat Field Trip: We have 15 bat species in Montana...how many have you seen? Bats are cool! And they love the water sources found on working ranches. Join Kate Stone for an evening of bat detecting using fancy equipment. Supersonic microphone!! Thermal camera!! You'll spend an hour documenting the bats emerging to drink over a pond of the Severson's Flying E Ranch, a Stevensville property permanently conserved by the

[Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#). Participants will get a free poster of the Bats of Montana. A great trip for families! Limited to 10 people. Best time: June, July, and August.
Pledge amount: \$200+



Bitterroot Valley Winter Eagle Trapping: Biologists from [Raptor View Research Institute](#) have captured more than 80 Golden and Bald Eagles in the Bitterroot Valley- making it the largest project of its kind in North America. Just how do they catch them? Learn their tricks as they attempt to trap eagles on private lands in the Bitterroot Valley. You will spend 4 hours in the field, mostly in vehicles. There is no guarantee that an eagle will be captured!! Best times: February-March. Limited to one carload.

Pledge amount: \$200+

Down by the River: You will join birder extraordinaire Eric Rasmussen on a bird walk on the 160-acre KBK River Property, a property permanently conserved through the [Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#). The property lies adjacent to the confluence of Lost Horse Creek and the Bitterroot River and consists of ponderosa pine forests, open meadows, and stands of cottonwood and aspen. Birds you will likely see in the breeding season include: all three nuthatch species, Lewis's Woodpecker, Western Woodpeewee, Golden and Bald Eagles, American Dipper, Osprey, Black-headed Grosbeak, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Red Crossbills. This trip will last 2 hours and will be on foot in flat terrain. Eight people or less. Any time of year, with peak breeding activity from May to July.

Pledge amount: \$200+



Premiums \$100-\$300



Celebrate Sage!- Sagebrush ecosystems contain unique plants and animals and are in decline throughout the west. However, we still have some large patches of sagebrush here in the Bitterroot. Join bird expert Debbie Leick for a few hours of sagebrush exploration on the 450+-acre Weber Ranch, a ranch permanently protected for its ecological values through the

[Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#).

You'll search on foot for Brewer's Sparrows, Sage Thrashers, Vesper Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, and other birds of the sage on this 2-hr walk. Best times:

mornings or evenings May-July. Scheduled at owner's convenience. 8 people or less.

Pledge amount: \$200+

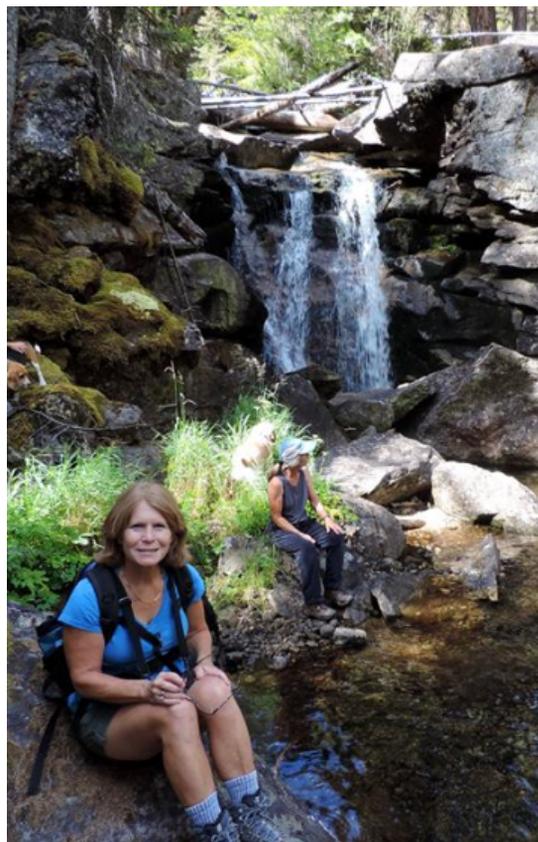
Winter Hike- Join Micki Long, a Montana Master Naturalist, on a winter hike along Bear Creek for any distance you choose, from 2.5 to 5 or so miles. Enjoy the special winter beauty of the creek, cascades, and surrounding snow-covered peaks. Learn about how Montana mammals and birds survive our winters and a bit about the forces that shaped this canyon and others in the valley. You'll also learn about the Montana Natural History Center's [Master Naturalist](#) program and Montana Wilderness Association's [online hiking guide](#). After our hike, we'll submit a trip report to the hiking guide to record our experience. Ten participants or less. **Pledge amount: \$200+**



Premiums \$100-\$300

Sapphire Mountains Naturalist Hike- Explore the less-traveled side of the Bitterroot Valley during a summer hike in the Sapphires. Join Micki Long, a Montana Master Naturalist, on a long (9 miles roundtrip) up Willow Creek to the summit of Palisades Mountain or on a shorter hike along the Easthouse National Recreation Trail, from the Sawmill Saddle, east of Stevensville (this option can be as long or as short as you want). During either hike, you'll enjoy great views of the Bitterroots and learn a bit about the flora, fauna, and geology of the area. You'll also learn about the Montana Natural History Center's [Master Naturalist](#) program and Montana Wilderness Association's [online hiking guide](#). After our hike, we'll submit a trip report to the hiking guide to record our experience. Ten participants or less.

Pledge amount: \$200+



Kerslake Ranch Bird Walk- Isolated riparian areas are incredibly valuable wildlife habitat-80% of Montana's birds use riparian areas. Join Kate Stone of Bitterroot Audubon and the Ravalli County Open Lands Board for a tour of the riparian areas of the Kerslake Ranch east of Stevensville- a working ranch that demonstrates that you can ranch AND protect wildlife habitat. We'll explore the juniper-cottonwood forest along Mill and Spring Creek. Likely species we'll encounter include: Lewis's Woodpecker, Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak, Townsend's Solitaire, Long-eared Owl, and Piliated Woodpecker. The 93-acre Kerslake Ranch was permanently protected in 2016 using the [Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#). Best times: mornings or evenings May-July. This trip will last 2 hours and will be on foot. Scheduled at owner's convenience. 8 people or less.

Pledge amount: \$250+



Premiums \$100-\$300

Bitterroot River Important Bird Area Walk- The [Bitterroot River IBA](#) stretches from Woodside Crossing to Lolo Creek, and its protection and promotion is focus of Bitterroot Audubon's activities. Join Bitterroot River IBA committee chair Sherry Ritter for a walk on private land near Bell Crossing to learn more about the IBA program, the birds that live along the Bitterroot River, and the habitat components that make this area important. You'll be searching for the species that define our IBA, including Lewis's Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Great Blue Heron, Red-naped Sapsucker, and Bald Eagle. 8 people or less.

Pledge amount: \$200+



Burnt Fork Birds Field Trip: View/hear birds along a 4-mile driving route beginning in farmland/pasture and ending in a riparian zone along Burnt Fork Creek east of Stevensville. Join longtime birder Jim Story for a few hours in the early morning noting the diversity of bird species at many stops along this route. Likely birds seen include Bobolink, warblers (MacGillivray's, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, and Common Yellowthroat), flycatchers (Hammond's, Olive-sided, Willow, and Dusky), Warbling Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, Ruffed Grouse, and many other species. Walking will be minimal.
Pledge amount: \$200+

Premiums \$100-\$300

Sunset Bench Naturalist- Sunset Bench Ranch Birding Trip- Join Kate Stone from [Bitterroot Audubon](#) and the Ravalli County Open Lands Board for a nature walk on the panoramic, 500+-acre Sunset Bench Ranch. Though the focus of this walk will be birds, participants will also learn about the workings of this beautiful ranch and its role in Bitterroot Valley conservation; owners Jim and Sharon Schroeder permanently protected their property through the [Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#). Participants will spend two hours looking for birds of open country, including Bobolinks, Savannah Sparrows, Horned Larks, Vesper Sparrows, and Northern Harriers. The property also has a section of Ponderosa Pine forest, where we will look for Pygmy Nuthatches, Red Crossbills, and Great Horned Owls. The trip is limited to 8 people. Best times for birding are morning or evenings, late May to mid July. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the landowner.

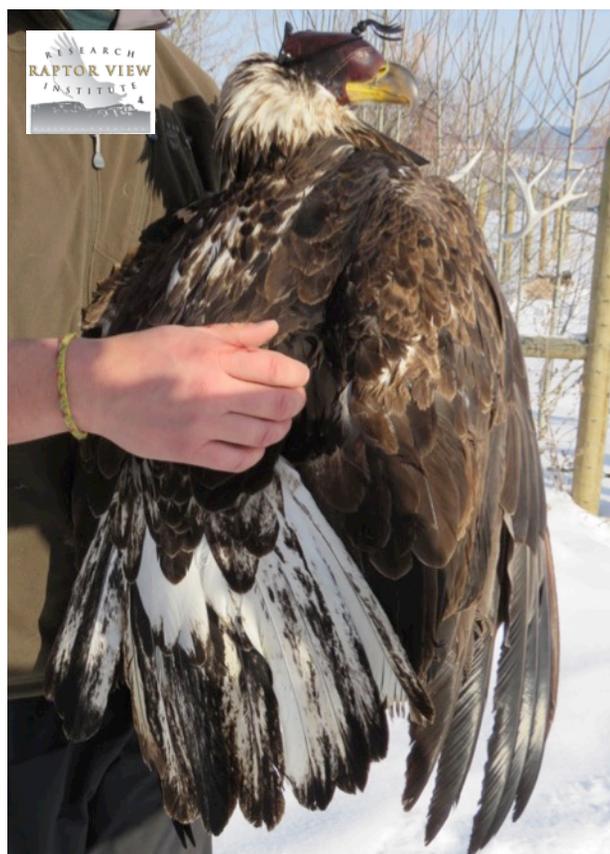
Pledge amount: \$200+



Premiums \$300-\$500+

Hummingbird Banding: Join staff from [MPG Ranch](#) in Florence for a morning of hummingbird banding. You'll be amazed by the tiny tools used for processing hummingbirds. You'll learn about our different hummingbird species and why researchers would capture and band them Limited to 6 people. Best times: June, July, August.

Pledge amount: \$300+



Winter Eagle Trapping: You've learned about Bald and Golden Eagles for this project, but come see how scientists capture and band them. Join scientists from [Raptor View Research Institute](#) for a 4-hour (11-3) trip as they attempt to capture eagles on the [MPG Ranch](#) in Florence. Participants will be inside, with coffee and light refreshments provided. You will learn about eagle ecology, results from local satellite transmitter studies, and how you can help with the Bitterroot Valley Winter Eagle Project. There is no guarantee that an eagle will be captured!! Best times: February-March.

Pledge amount: \$50+/person. Minimum of 5, up to 15.

Premiums \$300-\$500+



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MPG Ranch Youth Hunt: Weekend Youth (ages 12-15) Hunt for Cow Elk on [MPG Ranch](#), which is on East Side of Bitterroot River, South of Lolo. One or Two Non-hunting Adults Can Accompany Youth. Includes One Day of Scouting and Wildlife Watching the Day Before the Hunt. Lodging for Youth and Adults Provided at MPG Ranch the Night Before and After Hunt. Food and Beverages Included! Non-lead ammunition is required on MPG Ranch. Rifle and non-lead ammunition can be provided upon request. This Hunt is Not an Outfitted/Guided Hunt. **Pledge amount: \$700+**

Bald Eagle Geotrack Disc:

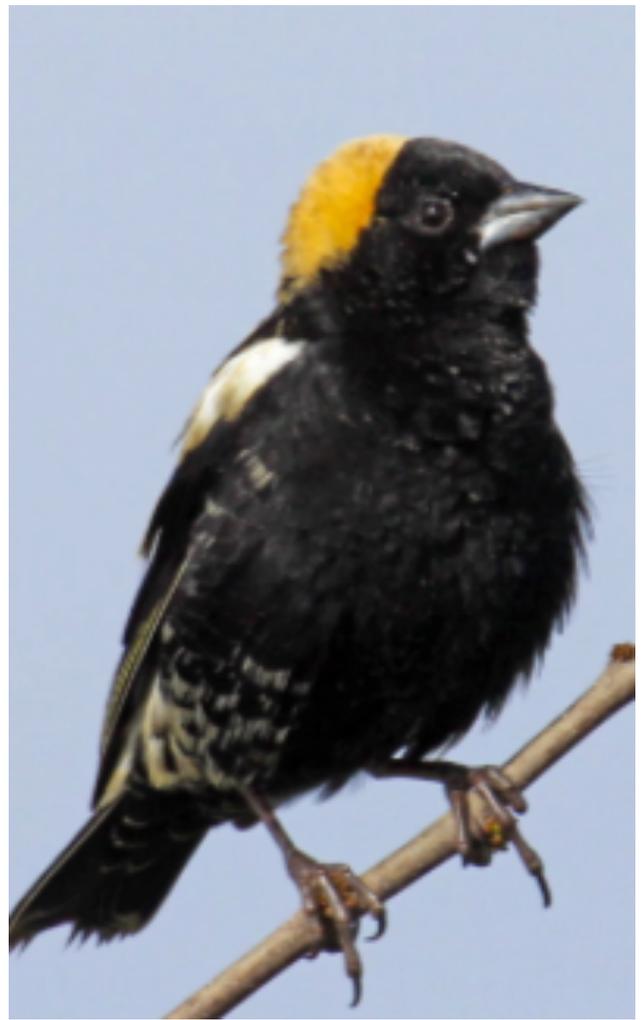
[Kathleen Sheard](#) is a Bitterroot Valley artist specializing in fused glass. Much of Kathleen's art focuses on wildlife conservation, in particular her current [Cycle of Life](#) sea turtle project. She has **generously donated** an earth-toned, 16-inch glass disk depicting multiple levels of Bald Eagle tracks. This work was inspired by Kathleen's time in Haines, AK. **Pledge amount: \$500+**



Premiums \$300-\$500+

Sunset Bench Naturalist Hike and gourmet snacking- End your day right by joining Kate Stone from [Bitterroot Audubon](#) and the Ravalli County Open Lands Board for an evening nature walk on the panoramic, 500+-acre Sunset Bench Ranch. Though the focus of this walk will be birds, participants will also learn about the workings of this beautiful ranch and its role in Bitterroot Valley conservation; owners Jim and Sharon Schroeder permanently protected their property through the [Ravalli County Open Lands Bond Program](#). Participants will spend two hours looking for birds of open country, including Bobolinks, Savannah Sparrows, Horned Larks, Vesper Sparrows, and Northern Harriers. After the walk, the Schroeders will host a wine and cheese tasting at their home. The trip is limited to 6 people. Best times for birding are late May to mid July. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the landowner.

Pledge amount: \$500+



Autumn Eagle Trapping: Spend a day-in-the field with [Raptor View Research Institute](#) biologists capturing, banding and observing fall migrant Golden Eagles, and up to 13 other species of raptors from our ridgeline banding station located along the Rocky Mountain Front, near Lincoln, MT. Our research site boasts some of the highest numbers of migrant Golden Eagles known in the world, with as many 180 Golden Eagles observed in a single day. We annually band more migrating Golden Eagles than all other raptor banding stations in North America combined! Full day trip. Up to five people. Best times: late September October.

Pledge amount: \$500+