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A combination of Larks, Family and Friends attended the Melodrama at the Atlas Theater on Sunday July 14. It was a really good time, and the show was well done. The Larks had a meeting on Wed July 17th at Applebees. Items discussed were The Market, Meals for Hope, Backpacks for kids returning to school, and the Picnic. Karen will be sending minutes out.



Birthdays

August Birthdays are Karen on the 8th and Barb on the 22nd.



Because the Larks Participated in Planting Many Trees this Past Year I Found this Story:

Once upon a time in a land not too far away, four trees started to grow on top of a small hill.

Three of the trees are very selfish, arrogant and proud trees always boasting how big and tall they will become, teasing each other how they will live forever.

The fourth tree is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

As time passes the three proud and selfish trees spend all their days growing as tall and impressive as they can, boasting each and every day how wonderful they will be

The fourth tree listens but is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

Many years pass and the three trees all look impressive and have grown straight and tall, but they have grown ever more arrogant, selfish and proud, boasting and teasing constantly how they are better than the other and how surly they will now live forever.

The fourth tree isn't the best looking or the tallest but is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

The woodcutter comes along and cuts the three proud, arrogant trees down to the ground. The first tree is made into the City Gates the second tree a Great Warship and the third tree into a Great Place of Worship.

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Each of the three trees is proud and happy of their new position in society, boasting that they are better than the other and how they really will live forever.

The fourth tree is all happy and content, just to be a tree.

A great army comes to attack, the City Gates are destroyed, the great Warship is sunk in the harbor and the Great Place of Worship burnt to the ground.

Only the fourth tree survives growing on the hill all happy and content, just to be a tree.

The fourth tree knows that it cannot live forever. That the day must come when the fourth tree will too pass away,

But not before it sets seed to Four little Trees growing on that hill, all Happy and Content, Just To Be a tree!

Author : Dhamma Tapasa (Andrew Hallas)

Moral of Story:

Impermanence is the nature of everything, when we truly know the impermanence in ourselves and others we understand how precious each and every moment is. All that matters in life is to live in the moment truly happy and content just to be.

Did You Know? *Have you ever looked up in the air in Cheyenne to see a large white shape flying? Nope, it's not a drone, it's a Pelican. But Pelicans in Wyoming? Yes, it's a misconception that they are only found near the ocean. In Wyoming, American White Pelicans are found on large freshwater lakes or shallow wetlands during the breeding season and migration.*

As winter approaches, they migrate south and are typically found near coastlines.



There are eight species in the world, and both species of Pelican found in North America can be spotted in Wyoming. These are the American White Pelican and the Brown Pelican. American White Pelicans can be spotted here in summer. However, Brown Pelicans are rare or accidental in Wyoming and are not spotted very often.

Pelicans are one of the world's largest birds and one of the most recognizable with their huge bills, throat pouch, and feet. Although they are very large, they are very

light, and they have air pockets in their skeleton and skin, which help them to float, and their long wings help them to soar when flying.

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During the breeding season, pelicans' facial skin and their throats and bills become brighter colored and some grow extra parts on their bills.

Pelicans breed in colonies of up to 50,000 birds, depending on the species, and they may either be ground-nesting or tree nesting. After about 25 days in the nest, the young will gather in 'creches' of up to 100 young birds, and amazingly the parents will recognize their own chick and only feed them.

Although pelicans prey on other animals, they are not considered birds of prey as these birds only include raptors. Pelicans mainly eat fish, but they will also eat crabs, frogs, snakes, mammals, birds, and insects. They use their throat pouch to catch fish and drain the water out before swallowing. Young pelicans will also feed directly from their parents' throat pouch.

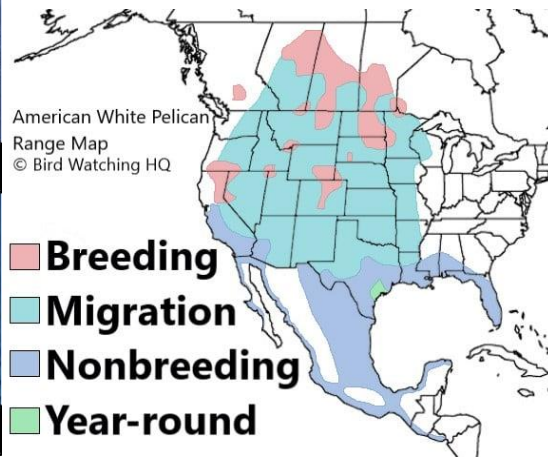
White Pelicans are usually found in Wyoming during summer from April to November, but a few can be spotted all year. They are recorded in 9% of summer checklists submitted by bird watchers for the state.

American White Pelicans are large, soaring birds with the second largest average wingspan of any North American bird. Non-breeding adult White Pelicans are white all over, except for black flight feathers that are only visible when in flight or when the wings are spread. They have bluish-gray eyes and yellow facial skin around their eyes. They have pale orange bills, pouches, and feet. Juveniles have light gray feathers with darker brown napes.

Breeding adult White Pelicans have distinctly different coloring from non-breeding adults. They grow a yellow plate on their upper bills, like a horn. They still have the all-white bodies, but around their eyes, their bills, and their legs and feet become brighter orange.

American White Pelicans have several molting changes, known as eclipse. In the Spring, they have a visible yellowish patch on their breast and chest. In the summer, blackish feathers appear on their heads.

Source: Bird Watching HQ



Stay Safe and "See You" next month!!