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Friends of Edson Fichter Nature Area

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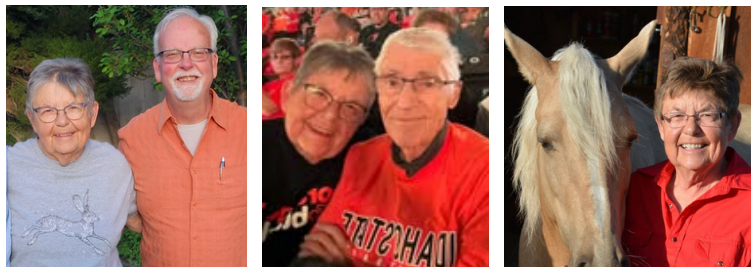
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Jane and Don Streubel for all they have done for the Edson Fichter Nature Area. The zeal and enthusiasm they have shown for this magical place has touched us all. They were the inspiration, spirit and bedrock for the Friends of Edson Fichter Nature Area. Jane's passion and indomitable spirit, as our first president, guided the organization from inception to a respected nonprofit within the greater Pocatello area. As the new president of the FEFNA, I will endeavor to carry on their legacy through the amazing cast of characters she assembled as the board of directors and occasionally ask myself, "What would Jane do?"

With gratitude, Tracy Casselman
President of the Friends of
the Edson Fichter Nature Area



"It has been an honor and a joy to serve alongside such a dedicated and passionate group, and I am deeply proud of all we have accomplished together. Our shared commitment has helped build a strong foundation and meaningful momentum for the future of this special place." Jane A. Streubel

Please contact Cristine Casselman if you'd like to share any sightings, photos or stories about your experience at EFNA. We'd love to hear from YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ADULT-ONLY BIRD WALKS

July 4 and August 1, 6:30 AM

FAMILY BIRD WALKS

July 18 and August 15, 8:30 AM

Attend our FEFNA Bird Walks to learn more about our feathered friends who visit and possibly nest at the Nature Area. No experience needed! Both groups are to meet at the entrance gate. Bring your binoculars. and we'll provide a bird list. Walks last about an hour!

POLLINATOR WEEK June 22nd-28th
POLLINATOR CELEBRATION EVENT
at EFNA on Saturday, June 27th



Celebrate National Pollinator Week!

Life on a Leaf: Celebrating Caterpillars and Host Plants



June 22 - 28, 2026



MON

- Plant walk: 9 am. Meet at the bison statue at the Idaho Museum of Natural History for directions to the location.
- Painting with plant dyes class (K-8): 3 pm at the Marshall Public Library.

TUE

- Pollinator paint night (\$35): 6 pm at Jim Dandys.
- Pollinator talk by Idaho Fish and Game: 6 pm at the Idaho Museum of Natural History.

WED

- Meditative walk: 7:30 am at Edson Fichter Nature Area amphitheatre.
- Pollinator garden tour: 6 pm at Sacagawea Park.

THU

- Music at Edson Fichter Nature Area: 4-5 pm.

SAT

- Morning birding: 7 am at Edson Fichter Nature Area amphitheatre.
- Pollinator Celebration Day: 11-2 pm at EFNA.

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit our website:

isu.edu/portneuf-pollinator-partnership



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Making Ideas Happen!

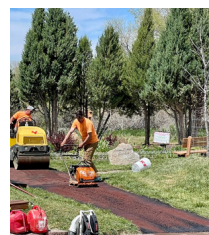


The EFNA Friends' Group has been very busy these last few months! The group met for an engaging work retreat in early April to set plans in motion for the calendar year. In late April, we participated in 'Idaho Gives' and were generously showed financial support from the community and beyond so we could continue our work at EFNA. We were delighted and SURPRISED to be announced as the recipient of a donation from the band Dawson Moon during the event!

In June, Tyson and Alisha Hatch of the Iron Horse Asphalt Company generously gifted the new pathway at the Edson Fichter Nature Area. A beautiful new asphalt pathway now connects the EFNA amphitheater to the Ardith Garden—thoughtfully widened to six feet for accessibility and ease. Tyson led an incredibly hardworking, high-energy team whose efforts were truly inspiring. The final touch—a rich, earth-toned aggregate generously provided by Dale Reavis—creates a natural, welcoming look that blends beautifully with the surroundings. This pathway is an invitation for all to enjoy that will benefit so many for years to come.

Later on that month, we were happy to help provide IDF&G with a new gardening shed to keep tools and supplies readily on hand at EFNA. The modular 'Strong Shed' was delivered and assembled on a gravel pad that was prepped by Kroger Excavation. It will undergo some stylistic color changes, so keep watch!

Choosing the right path...



Above: The path to Ardith's Garden before. Right: Tyson working diligently. Below: The finished path!



Dale Reavis provided the red cinder styling to accentuate the donated pathway by Iron Horse Asphalt. Photos by Lisa Jorgensen, Dale Reavis and Holly Reavis.

Shed your fears and build your dreams



Don Streubel and Dale Reavis oversee the placement and assembly of the shed. Photos by Dale Reavis and Jane Streubel.

Idaho Gives (a lot)



Photos by Lisa Jorgensen.

More to Come!

Our next big project will be to help redesign the entrance area. We've already met with landscape architect Bill Jackson to begin drafting plans which could include a new sign, concrete pad, pedestrian flow markers, and more! Keep watchful and follow our journey to see your donations at work.



SPOTLIGHT: BIOBLITZ 2026!

On a wet, windy, chilly Saturday morning in late May, thirteen people explored the Edson Fichter Nature Area to photographically record as many different types of life as we could. Together, the group posted 420 observations to iNaturalist, a social network of naturalists, citizen scientists, and biologists. This was our second annual BioBlitz at EFNA and we hope to have started a tradition! In 2025, there were 31 participants and 378 observations. In 2026, there were only 13 participants due to inclement weather, but 420 observations were made with a total of 120 species. You can find the results on the iNaturalist page here at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/edson-fichter-nature-area-bioblitz-may-2026?tab=stats> or by clicking on [THIS LINK](#).



Black Henbane.
Photo by Ray Lappan.



Lewis Flax. Photo by
Chuck Peterson.



Great-tailed Grackle.
Photo by Sarah Jackson.



Wild Teasel.
Photo by Sarah Jackson.



Darkling Beetle.
Photo by Eric Rude.



Double-Crested Cormorant.
Photo by Sarah Jackson.



Western Tanager.
Photo by Eric Rude.



Star Moss. Photo
by Tim Axford.



Northern Yellow Warbler.
Photo by Sarah Jackson.



Black Hawthorn. Photo by Paul Allen.

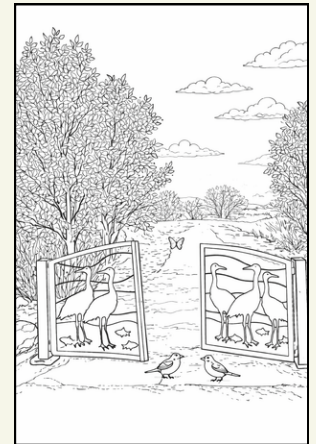


Data sharing! Photo by Lisa Jorgensen.

COLORING CONTEST EXTENDED!

FEFNA is promoting a **COLORING CONTEST** for **all ages**! Look for details on our website or stop by the Idaho Fish & Game Office for the entry form. Winning entries earn prizes and will be featured in an upcoming newsletter and on our website! **Pick up an entry TODAY or come out to the Pollinator Event and look for our table. We'll have copies of the coloring page and lots of art supplies to complete it on site.**

PRIZES include certificates from our sponsors; Jamba Juice, the Popcorn Shop and the Soda Barn!



INPUT NEEDED!

CLICK HERE or scan the QR code to take a short survey. The Friends of the EFNA are planning summer programs and would appreciate your ideas. Your responses will help us create meaningful and enjoyable experiences for our community.

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