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September 2025 Newsletter

IPWA News

Now Accepting Submissions for the Photo Contest!

We are now accepting submissions for the 2025 Photo Contest! Submissions are due on October 31st.

[Enter the Contest Here](#)

The IPWA holds an **Annual Photo Contest** to showcase the beauty of the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas. This contest is open to IPWA supporters and volunteers. Each individual may submit a maximum of 2 scenic photos (no people or dogs may be in the photos). To learn more and see past winners, visit our [Photo Contest page](#).



Golden Hour by Alexander Meyer (among the 2024 Photo Contest Winners)

Program Updates

2025 Summer Patrol - Don't Miss It! Tomorrow, End of Season Gathering

What: Join us for an afternoon of celebrating the 2025 summer patrol season!

When: Saturday, September 27th

Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Where: Beech Shelter - just north of Boulder - US 36 & Neva Road, just north of Boulder

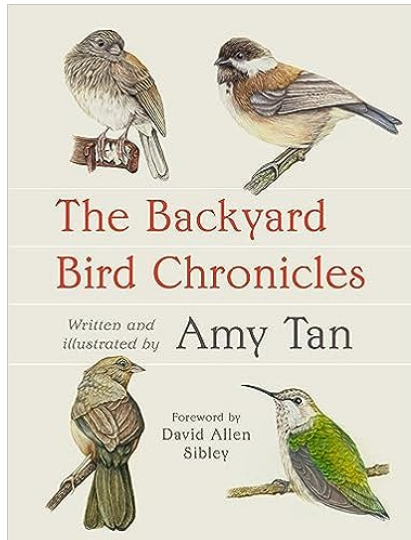
Reading Group

Please join us to discuss books about wilderness, nature, and conservation. All are welcome. Come and share your reflections and experiences.

We'll meet on the following dates at 3:30 pm at The Rayback Collective in Boulder. Food and beverages available.

Nov 13: [The Backyard Bird Chronicles](#), Amy Tan [RSVP](#)

Jan 22: [Indian Creek Chronicles: A Winter Alone in the Wilderness](#), Pete Fromm



Tracking the natural beauty that surrounds us, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* maps the passage of time through daily entries, thoughtful questions, and beautiful sketches.

With boundless charm and wit, author Amy Tan charts her foray into birding and the natural wonders of the world.

She explores themes of survival, intelligence, and the ephemeral nature of life, inviting readers to observe and find meaning in their own surroundings.

Summer Patrol Update

Our volunteers are continuing to put in the hard work! So far we've:

- Completed **435** patrols,
- Covered over **3,000** miles
- Cleared over **145** fire rings

And we're going strong until the season ends at the end of the month.

We've even added another project to help our Forest Service partners: **removing invasive Canada Thistle** (pictured)!



[Check Trail Conditions Here](#)

Hey YOU!

It isn't too early to start thinking about Winter Patrol!

Interested in winter patrols??

We need you! With the high volume of winter/spring visitation, we are always looking for more eyes on the trail and we want you to join us! If you are looking for more ways to get involved, this is a fun and educational way to help make a difference. You are not required to ski for this adventure, snowshoes work just fine.

How do I learn more? Please email us at winter.ipwa@gmail.com and let us know you are interested then look for our upcoming emails with additional details.

Returning winter volunteers will receive separate emails about their requirements, and we hope to see all your friendly faces again this 2025/2026 season!



Hey, Volunteers!

Ever wonder how IPWA is managed?
Have questions or comments for the IPWA Board?

We'd like to invite all current volunteers (as-of Summer 2024) to attend our monthly virtual IPWA Board of Directors meetings, typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Your presence and participation is encouraged to help increase volunteer engagement and understanding of our organization!

Head over to the IPWA Volunteer Portal for additional information on how to participate.

Volunteer Portal

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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Volunteer!

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