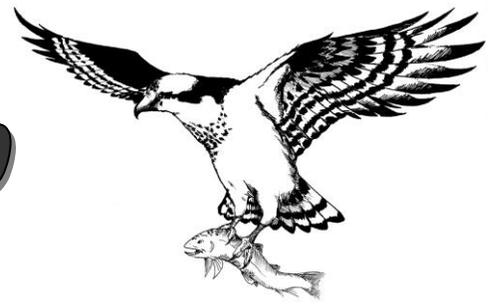


# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## COMING EVENTS BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** April 18, Monday  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Mt. West Bank-125 Ironwood Dr.

## APRIL PROGRAM

**DATE:** April 18, Monday  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** First Presbyterian Church, 521 E. Lakeside, Coeur d'Alene  
**SPEAKER:** Jane Fink Cantwell  
**PROGRAM:** "A Place for Raptors"

Jane Fink Cantwell has dedicated her career to the benefit of birds of prey. She has worked on several different levels, from rehabilitating injured raptors for release back into the wild, to increasing public awareness of raptors and their role in our world. Jane is a licensed falconer and a wildlife rehabilitator. She is a Director of the Wildlife Education Council, whose mission is to ensure long-term viable populations of wildlife, especially birds of prey. Join us to learn about her efforts on behalf of raptors, including the plans for an educational facility at Wolf Lodge Bay.

## FRIENDS OF THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16  
Organizational meetings - see page 2 for information

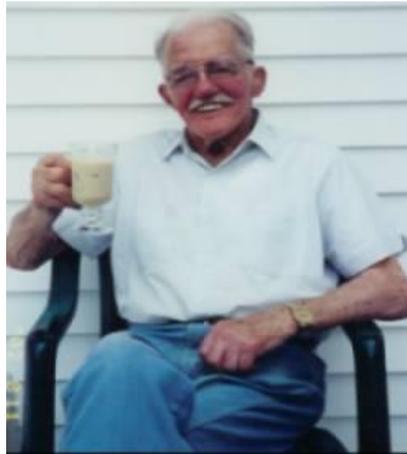
## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, April 19 through Saturday, April 23  
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## BLUEBIRD TRAILS

(Editors note: This is the sixth in a series of articles on bluebird conservation and bluebird trails)



## Clarence H. Hagerman 1916 - 2002

by Donna Hagerman

Clarence Hagerman moved to Kellogg, Idaho

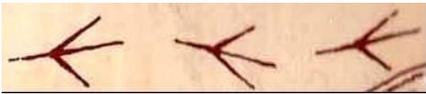
in 1941 with his wife, Rose, and their infant daughter, Bonnie. The young family soon was increased by three more children, Patty, Jess, and Donna. Clarence worked at the Bunker Hill Smelter from 1941 until his retirement in 1981. The Hagerman family struggled to keep food on the table in those early years. To supplement the food supply, Clarence and his wife became avid hunters. Bear, deer and elk meat was a staple at the Hagerman house. As the children grew old enough to follow along, hunting became a family adventure along with picking huckleberries and camping in the beautiful mountains of northern Idaho. Clarence had a profound sense of respect and wonder in all of nature, and he instilled this love in his family.

In the spring of 1979, only a year before retirement, Clarence's interest was sparked when he read an article in the Spokesman Review about how bluebirds were once a common sight, and how they were becoming increasingly endangered. The article went on to explain that bluebirds are cavity nesters. Housing developments were destroying much

prime habitat, dead trees (with possible holes for nesting) were being cut down, and the introduction of the more aggressive House Sparrows and European Starlings was having an enormous impact on our native songbirds, especially cavity nesters like the bluebirds. It also said that people all over the country were helping by putting up nesting boxes for the bluebirds. Studies were showing that wherever "bluebird trails" were established, bluebirds were increasing in numbers.

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# BIRD TRACKS



## Audubon Members Make a Difference

### FRIENDS OF THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Do you love wildlife, the outdoors, and National Wildlife Refuges? Would you like to be involved in refuge projects? Then please attend an informational meeting on developing a Refuge Support Group at the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge. Refuge Support Groups or Friends Groups, as they are commonly called, consist of private citizens who form grassroots nonprofit organizations which provide volunteer and financial support to their local National Wildlife Refuge on many worthwhile projects.

"Friends" often get the opportunity to work behind the scenes on projects ranging from trail development to wildlife habitat improvements. Today, there are more than 240 such groups nationwide.

Join us at the Refuge's Environmental Education Center on Friday evening, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. for coffee and dessert when we will hear presentations by Kathy Woodward, a Volunteer and Friend of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey and Mike Blenden of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado. Both Kathy and Mike will provide background information on the

National Wildlife Refuge System and the Friends initiative.

On Saturday, April 16th, there will be a follow-up meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. that will outline the next steps to be taken to form the Friends of Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.

If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please contact Dianna M. Ellis, Refuge Manager, at Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge at (208) 267-3888.

### CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: A VARIETY OF EVENTS SLATED FOR EARTH DAY

What do wolves, religion and jugglers have in common? They will all be part of this year's thirty-fifth anniversary Earth Day celebration on Tuesday, April 19 through Saturday, April 23 at North Idaho College (main campus) and the Harding Family Center in Coeur d'Alene.

Earth Day activities include a speaker, panel discussion about religion and the environment, wolf program, awards luncheon, tree planting ceremony, and fair.

The week of programs begins with leading bio-terrorism expert Laurie Garrett speaking in a program that will focus on the response of health care professionals to bioterrorism. Ms. Garrett is an authority on public health, a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, and author of the best-selling books, *The Coming Plague* and *Betrayal of Trust*. The program, to be held in NIC's Schuler Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m., is tailored for health care professionals, but is open to the public. Earth Day Coeur d'Alene is simply helping to promote this Kootenai Medical Center program. For information call

(208) 666-2030 or go to [www.kmc.org](http://www.kmc.org).

The next evening brings the program, "Environmental Crisis?: A Panel Discussion of Various Religious Perspectives of the Environment." In this program local religious leaders from diverse religious backgrounds will share their faiths' views of environmental issues. The panel will be Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Schuler Auditorium on NIC's main campus. Earth Day Coeur d'Alene, the Interfaith Alliance and NIC's Diversity Events Committee are working jointly to bring you this program.

Have you ever met a wolf nose-to-nose? You can on the following evening at "An Evening With Wolves." A live wolf will be the guest of honor in this program about wolves and wolf conservation on Thursday evening, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Christianson Gym on NIC's main campus. This program is sponsored by NIC's Mathematics and Natural Sciences Division and hosted by The Wolf Education and Research Center, Mission: Wolf, and Earth Day Coeur d'Alene.

Two programs will be held on Earth Day, Friday, April 22. The first will be a luncheon and awards ceremony at noon in the Driftwood Bay Room of the Student Union Building on NIC's main campus. The program will include a brief keynote address and the Kootenai County Solid Waste District's presentation of recycling awards. The luncheon is a joint function between the Kootenai Solid Waste District and Earth Day Coeur d'Alene. Luncheon tickets are \$12 for non-student adults and \$10 for students. For tickets call 661-2031. No ticket sales at the door.

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# **APRIL FIELD TRIPS**

## **FIELD TRIP INFORMATION**

1. Please register with the leader ahead of time.
  - a. It helps the leader plan the trip.
  - b. You will be informed if the trip time or location is changed or if the trip is canceled.
2. Fees: (to be paid to the driver of the car) \$5.00 - all day trips, \$3.00 - 1/2-day trips.
3. We sometimes use radios to communicate between cars. If the radios are used we are asking participants to contribute \$1.00 toward batteries.

## **REARDON POND AND DAVENPORT WASHINGTON**

**DATE:** April 3, Sunday

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m.

**MEET:** K-Mart parking lot, south end

**LEADER:** Roland Craft, 457-8894

**ACTIVITY:** Someone from Spokane Audubon will lead the group through Reardon Pond beginning at 9:00 a.m. From there they will bird the Davenport area. All day trip.

## **MICA BAY SURVEY PLUS...**

**DATES:** April 12 and 26, Tuesdays

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m.

**MEET:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**LEADERS:** Shirley Sturts, 664-5318 - Kris Buchler, 664-4739

**ACTIVITY:** We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds in the Mica Bay area. Starting this month we will take one of our survey days and visit other areas.

## **BROWN BAG BIRDING TRIP**

**DATE:** April 19, Tuesday

**TIME:** 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

**MEET:** Tubbs Hill - 11<sup>th</sup> Street entrance

**LEADER:** Lynn Sheridan - leave messages for Lynn with Kris Buchler 664-4739

**ACTIVITY:** Bird for an hour on the trail around Tubbs Hill.

## **HOODOO VALLEY**

**DATE:** April 23, Saturday

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m.

**MEET:** K-Mart parking lot, south end

**LEADER:** Dick Cripe, 665-0010

**ACTIVITY:** Drive the length of Hoodoo Valley from Athol to Blanchard. Check the ponds, flooded fields, meadows, and forests. Check all of the bluebird boxes. Bring recordings of Sora and Rails to attract. 3/4 day

*To volunteer to lead a trip, or to suggest places to go, contact Dick Cripe or Roland Craft.*

## Clarence H. Hagerman

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Sketch from Mountain Bluebird Trails

It was shortly after reading this article that Clarence and his wife were on a weekend motorcycle trip into Montana. They noticed many nesting boxes attached to wooden fence posts along the road and wondered if they were part of a bluebird trail. Sure enough, at one of the boxes they noticed a man looking inside. Being curious, Clarence pulled off the road and went to talk with the man, who happened to be the legendary Bluebird Man of Montana, Art Aylesworth. Art showed them the newly hatched bluebird nestlings inside that box. Between Art's enthusiasm for helping bluebirds and Clarence's compassion for all of God's creatures, it was a winning combination!

Clarence immediately began building bluebird boxes to the strict specifications which Art had provided. He set up 29 boxes the first year. Over the next few years, he had built well over four hundred boxes and was landlord to dozens of bluebird families in and around his home in Pinehurst, Idaho. He learned that the rusty-breasted Western Bluebirds preferred the lower elevations, and the all-blue (male) Idaho state bird, the Mountain

Bluebirds, used boxes in the higher mountains.

A close friendship developed between Art and Clarence through numerous letters and phone calls. Their wives, Vivian and Rose, joined the two bluebirders for trips together, and endless stories and ideas were exchanged about their common love, helping the bluebirds. In 1980 the four traveled to Canada to attend a Mountain Bluebird Trails convention. There Clarence met Duncan MacIntosh, Art's bluebird conservation counterpart in Alberta, Canada. When the three men got together, it was a non-stop lively discussion about their bluebirds until wee hours in the morning. Duncan was instrumental in helping Clarence obtain a banding permit. He banded thousands of baby bluebirds during the next 15 years. Although bluebirds are migratory, Clarence found that the young usually returned to within a mile or so of their hatching box the following spring, and adults often used the same nesting box year after year.

In many parts of the country, the most successful bluebird trails are established along country roads by attaching nesting boxes to fence posts. Bluebirds prefer to nest in open or semi-open land with only scattered trees, as is the habitat around Coeur d'Alene and west into Washington. The terrain around Kellogg, however, is mountainous with heavy brush and timber, making it a much bigger challenge to find suitable sites. Most of Clarence's nesting boxes were placed in the mountains, in clear-cut timbered areas where he would put out 8 to 10 boxes at a time in "pods". Some of these widely scattered

areas were more than an hour's drive and another several hours of hiking distance away. He also had success putting up many boxes on golf courses, being careful to stay clear of the sprinklers. Clarence was always thinking about his newly hatched babies and how he could help them stay warm, dry, and safe from predators. On some of his boxes, he even devised wind guards!

Clarence knew that there is more to helping the bluebirds than just building boxes and setting them up in strategic spots. Monitoring boxes every week or so is encouraged. He enjoyed keeping close tabs on his feathered families. During the nesting season, from March through July, Clarence spent several hours every day on his bluebird hobby. He kept meticulous notes on nesting data such as numbers and dates of eggs laid, hatching dates, and banding details.

In spite of vigilant care, natural disasters sometimes befall the parent bluebirds. Occasionally during monitoring of boxes, Clarence would come upon a box of hungry and cold young with no apparent parents. He knew that bluebirds will accept young from broods other than their own, and orphaned babies usually will survive if placed in another box with young of approximately the same age. On one occasion, Clarence had a call from Art Aylesworth saying that he was looking for a foster box in which to place five abandoned baby Western Bluebirds. A quick review of Clarence's records showed that he had a box which was a good match for Art's orphans. So Art packed up his babies and met Clarence at a halfway point between their

homes. Each drove about 150 miles round trip for those little bluebirds. All of the nestlings fledged success-fully, thanks to the determination of two great bluebirders.

Besides the 350 plus nesting boxes he maintained on his own, Clarence built and gave away scores of boxes to friends in and around the Idaho Panhandle. He built and delivered nearly a hundred boxes to his four children living in Arkansas, Colorado, Washington, and Nevada. He enjoyed giving spirited bluebird talks to community groups, Scouting troops, schools, etc. In the mid 1980s, Clarence proudly received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Mountain Bluebird Trails organization for his tireless work in helping the bluebirds of Idaho.

Along with his passion for helping bluebirds, Clarence found therapeutic value as well. In 1986 he was quoted as saying: "I lost my wife to cancer four months ago, and if I didn't have these bluebirds..."

## PEND OREILLE RIVER BIRDING

Dick Cripe

The group that participated in the field trip March 5 to Pend Oreille River not only saw lots of birds, but acquired a rosy glow and lost their winter pallor in the warm sun. Jan Severtson, Kris Buchler, Lisa Hardy, Roland Craft, and Dick Cripe hit the spots on the Pend Oreille River - Mud Hole, Riley Creek, and Morton Slough, in addition to Blanchard Lake. Highlights were a Sora heard at Blanchard Lake and at least two male Eurasian Wigeon at Morton Slough. The slough hosted over

a thousand ducks which was very unusual for the first week of March, mostly American Wigeon, Lesser Scaup, and Redhead. We lingered over our first picnic lunch of the year at Riley Creek campground where Dick lost half of his lunch to two crows through inattention. See the complete list on our website [www.cdaudubon.org](http://www.cdaudubon.org).

## THE WOLF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

Kris Buchler



**"THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON ALL OF US."**

**"Wolves' existence depends upon 'social carrying capacity'. In other words, wolves depend upon human acceptance. If humans decide wolves are a negative part of their ecosystem, as Euro-American settlers did, wolves cease to exist in those areas.**

**It takes a great deal of understanding to accept ecosystems with large predators. Education is key to achieving such acceptance. The Wolf Education and Research Center is doing everything we can to provide a better understanding of wolves." - WERC -**

Motomo, Ayet, Motoki, Piyip and Amani. "He who goes first", "Little Sister", "Shadow", "Little Brother" and "To Speak the Truth". These are the Blackfoot and Nez Perce names and English meanings of the five remaining wolves in the famous Sawtooth Pack that are living out their lives at the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester, Idaho. Sixteen Audubon members immersed themselves in wolf society and

behavior, leading to a greater understanding of these beautiful and often maligned predators. Randy Stewart, the Educational Director, invited us to visit WERC when he was here last fall giving a popular presentation to my Elderhostel class.

The wolves are housed in a 20 acre fenced compound and a smaller 2 acre enclosure for special purposes. The center welcomes visitors and gives guided tours and special tours by appointment. There are several well-informed intern/interpreters that serve as guides. We learned about wolf behavior, ecology and biology from Andrew and Josh who each led a group on a gentle hike and viewing experience with the pack.

The trails lead to viewing platforms and we were rewarded with scenes of Motomo, Piyip and Motoki lounging in their favorite plush meadow. Fall and spring after mating season are the best times to view the wolves because it is cool. Warmer temperatures find them lost in the cool woods where they are less visible. Interactions spurred a howling fest for several minutes and we heard some dominance/submittance vocalizations from the two females. At this time, Motomo is the alpha male and Ayet is the alpha female, making up the dominate pair. Motoki and Piyip, siblings of Ayet, are submissive.

The outdoor classroom is a small amphitheater located between the two fences. It is here that Josh explained the greeting ritual that occurs if the wolves choose to visit. As Josh waited next to the inner fence he knelt, placing himself at eye-level, put his hand on the fence and watched for the wolves to approach. We were awarded with a visit from Motoki and Ayet.

Motoki was very nervous with the dominant Ayet present and failed to greet Josh with a usual sniff and lick. Seeing the wolves in action made us so much more aware of the subtle behaviors and how the wolves react to the smallest gestures and postures made by humans. There is a whole history behind the eight original wolves in the pack and the remaining five that include three offspring, Motoki, Ayet and Piyip, as well as two of the originals, Motomo and Amani. Amani is alone in the small enclosure after sharing it with Matsi, his brother who died over a year ago. This is for his protection as he became the omega wolf (lowest ranking) and suffered several injuries. It is impossible to visit these animals without making an emotional connection with them.

A visit to WERC is well worth your time and will be a memorable experience. You can learn more about the Sawtooth Pack by watching the DVD, "Wolves at Our Door", filmed by Jim Dutcher for the Discovery Channel. He and his wife Jamie raised the original pack and studied the wolves' behavior. As they matured, the wolves were transferred to Nez Perce lands in Winchester where WERC was created. Histories, pictures, updates and other information are available on the WERC website: [www.wolfcenter.org](http://www.wolfcenter.org).

## **BIRDING IN LEWISTON**

Dike Cripe

Ten members of our chapter arose early Sunday and met with Terry and Christine Gray from the Palouse Audubon Chapter along with three others from the area. It was a very pleasant day - cool with high clouds and a slight breeze. First we stopped

at the Lewiston Sewage Treatment ponds nearby, then several places on both sides of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers. A quick trip to cliffs on Hwy 12 west of Clarkston netted a view of a Peregrine Falcon as well as a Chukar, Ring-necked Pheasant, and Double-crested Cormorant. Going back to the Lewiston side and Hell's Gate State Park, we found a Barn Owl high up in a spruce tree, just where Terry said that it might be. We also spotted one Black-crowned Night Heron in its expected spot. The CDA contingent made a detour to get gas and latte's, then rejoined the group at Mann Lake where we spotted several Say's Phoebe as well as a number of other species. Next we were down the canyon and back to Spalding Park where Joan Gundlach found a Great Horned Owl hidden in a spruce tree and a Northern Saw-whet Owl nearby in another tree. We checked out the goldfinch seen the previous day and the experts debated whether it was a Lesser Goldfinch or a more common female American Goldfinch in winter plumage. They decided that we had seen individuals from both species. From there most of the group followed Terry and Christine up Coyote Gulch towards their home in Genesee where the day ended. Everyone was back in CDA by 6:30 p.m. Chapter participants Saturday and/or Sunday were: Roland and Pat Craft, Bill and Joan Gundlach, Lisa Hardy, Kris Buchler, Janet Callen, Jan Severtson, Russ Hersrud, Theresa and Saba Potts and Dick Cripe.

The group saw a total of 66 species, far more than we would expect to see in the CDA area at this time of year. Some of us saw first-time life list species as

well as a number of species seen the first time this year. Thanks to Terry and Christine and the folks from Lewiston and the Palouse Chapter for a great day.

See the complete list on our website [www.cdaudubon.org](http://www.cdaudubon.org).

## **BIRDING WITH A BROWN BAG**

**Tubbs Hill March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lynn Sheridan

Our group of seven started up Tubbs Hill a little after noon. We decided to walk the path adjacent to McEuen Field even though it was a bit muddy. A patch of shiny buttercups caught our eye and a few spring beauties, glacier lilies, and grass widows were dotted here and there. Birds were mostly heard, but a Winter Wren sang and posed giving all of us a good look. Other birds, mostly heard were Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, American Robin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, House Finch, American Crow and Ring-billed Gull. There were no Osprey back yet at the McEuen Field light poles. Thank you: Pat Benson, Karen Linnane, Cindy Flower, Judy Edwards, Roland Craft, Kris Buchler and big fluffy Blizzard!

## **BIRD TRACKS**



## **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY**

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At 1:30 on Friday will be a tree planting ceremony. To find it just follow the sound of an Intertribal Native American drum circle by the Rose Creek Singers! They will guide you to NIC's small museum on College Drive between the dorms and Winton Hall. Following

the ceremony a tree donated by Northland Nursery will be raffled off, and Lodgepole Pine seedlings donated by Kootenai County Soil and Water Conservation District will be given away. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three or \$5. To purchase raffle tickets call (208) 661-2031.

The Harding Family Center will be the site of this year's Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will include activities for people of all ages and interests. There will be activities for children, such as games, face painting, art activities and juggling. The fair will also include informational exhibits and demonstrations on various topics including alternative energy, home building, public lands, noxious weeds and wolves. And, yes, there will be a visit by a live wolf in the afternoon! Costumed students from Mountain View Elementary School will present a first person panel by ecological pioneers such as John Muir and Aldo Leopold.

Lunch will be available to buy during the fair in the Earth Day Café, located for the day in the Harding Center and hosted by Pilgrims Natural Foods Market and Pasty Depot. The Harding Center is located at 411 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Coeur d'Alene.

Earth Day Coeur d'Alene is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the Earth and its environment. The Earth Day Coeur d'Alene Committee welcomes donations and volunteers to assist in planning and carrying out its annual activities.

Come join us! All programs are open to the public, and all activities except the luncheon free. Information: Karen Lamb, (208) 661-2031

## SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR "THE FISH HAWK HERALD"

Starting in September, 2005, an annual subscription fee of \$15 will be charged for *The Fish Hawk Herald*. In the past, the cost of the newsletter has been covered by dues-sharing funds received from National Audubon, but as those funds have been reduced, the board has decided to make newsletter self-supporting. All local Audubon members will receive the September issue containing meeting and field trip schedules as well as the annual summary, but the remaining 8 issues will be sent only to subscribers. See subscription information in next month's issue.

The *Fish Hawk Herald* is provided free of charge on our website [www.cdaudubon.org](http://www.cdaudubon.org)



**"If I were to make a study of the tracks of animals and represent them by plates, I should conclude with the tracks of man"**

**Henry David Thoreau**

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## OBSERVATION POST

Shirley Sturts

**2005 Kootenai County Big Year - as of March 25 -- go to our website for a complete list**

**#91 Gray Jay :** 2 Fernan Road on way to Saddle, March 3, Kris Buchler

**#92 Cassin's Finch:** 1 Armstrong Hill, Jan. 1, Kris Buchler

**#93 Green-winged Teal:** Blue Creek Bay, CDA Lake, Jan. 21, Lisa Hardy and Kris Buchler

**#94 Trumpeter Swan:** 1 Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake, March 3, Lisa Hardy and Kris Buchler

**#95 Eurasian Wigeon:** 1 Flooded fields - Cataldo, March 6, Lisa Hardy  
**#96 Spotted Towhee:** 1 Fernan Lake, March 8, Shirley Sturts  
**#97 Western Bluebird** 1pr Medimont area, March 9 , Herb and Jan Severtson  
**#98 Violet-Green Swallow:** 1+ Higgen's Point, Jan. 11, Kris Buchler  
**#99 Tree Swallow:** 2 Cataldo Mission Slough, March 11, Lisa Hardy  
**#100 Yellow-headed Blackbird:** 1 Cataldo area Hardy Loop, March 11, Lisa Hardy  
**#101 Wood Duck:** 1 Cataldo area Hardy Loop, March 11, Lisa Hardy  
**#102 Cooper's Hawk :** 1 Rathdrum Prairie, Feb. 28, Stephen Johnson and 1 Mica Bay, CDA Lake, March 15 Mica Bay Survey  
**#103 Mountain Bluebird:** 1 pr Potlatch Hill, CDA , March 17, Kris Buchler  
**#104 Western Meadowlark:** 1+ , Rathdrum Prairie, March 19, Stephen Johnson  
**#105 Say's Phoebe :** 2 Rathdrum Prairie, March 19, Stephen Johnson  
**#106 American Dipper:** 1 Wolf Lodge Creek, March 21, Kris Buchler

**Albino American Robin** 2 Meyer Road Rathdrum Prairie by Stephen Johnson and 1 on Hauser Lake Road near Highway 53, Denny Wilmeth  
**American Tree Sparrow** 1 Meyer Road, Rathdrum Prairie, March 25, Stephen Johnson

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## BIRD QUOTE CORNER

"The birds were again skimming the water, or were seen poised on the wing high above the tops of the tallest pines of the mountains, ready to make their swoops, in obedience to the irresistible laws of their nature."

**-- James Fenimore Cooper, *The Deerslayer* --**

