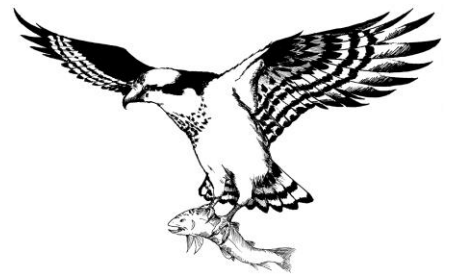


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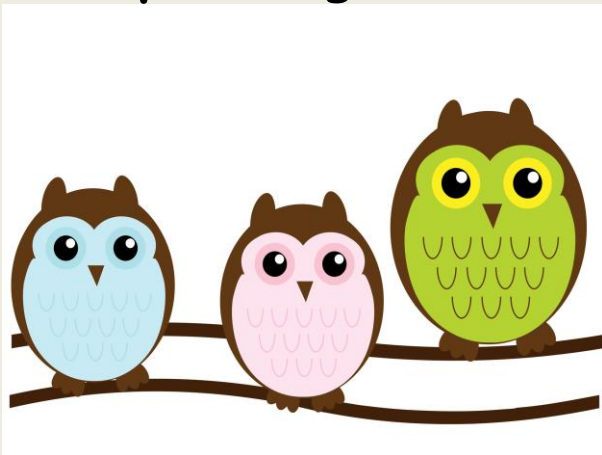


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April Program



Date: April 9, Tuesday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Lutheran Church of the Master,
4800 N. Ramsey, CDA

Speaker: Denver Holt, Founder and
President of the Owl Research Institute

Program: "Adaptations in Owls"

There are about 268 species of owls in the world. They occur on all continents except Antarctica and even populate the world's most remote islands.

Join owl expert Denver Holt for an exciting lecture where he uncovers and explains many incredible adaptations. How well can they see at night? Can they turn their heads all the way around? What is their hearing like? And why do people recognize and admire owls so much? Educational and entertaining, you will gain new appreciation for the making of an owl.

President's letter



Western Bluebird – photo by Larry
Krumpelman – Bunco Road Bluebird Trail

Well, spring is definitely here and the great migration is underway. I've sometimes wondered if I was a bird would I be one of the impatient ones leaving in the first wave hoping for a prime nesting spot and risking disaster from violent spring storms. Or would I be more cautious and wait until the conditions were more favorable increasing my prospects of arriving safely, but risking not getting a prime location. How does my bluebird which every year nests in the same box make these calculations? Will he have to extricate another bird in order to get, what he considers to be, his own house? Oh, the drama!

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President's letter

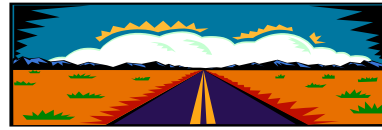
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These next two months are a very busy time for Audubon birders. As I write this it is Friday, March 22 and tomorrow a group of us are off to Lincoln County to see what's happening there. It is forecast to be rainy, but I'm hoping for good visibility and finding some good owls and hawks. After that I will be gone a week, but when I return we are scheduled for a trip on Saturday, April 6, to Chain-o'-Lakes on the CdA River to check out spring arrivals. We're doing this with the CdA Biking Club which will make it a different kind of experience. I hope several from our group will turn out for that trip. George Saylor tells me that he has about a dozen of us signed up for the trip to Hamilton, MT and the Lee Metcalf Wildlife Reserve, and surrounding environs. I'm looking forward to that trip.

As I write this it is not clear that BLM and us will be able to carry out the Migratory Bird Day Program on the weekends of May 11 or 18 at Blackwell as we have in the past because WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS. So, check your calendars and see if you can't put in a couple of hours helping to pull off this important event.

So, look to the skies and the bushes for the song birds are arriving. There will be plenty going on in CdA Audubon during the next couple of months so I hope to see you all at some of our various events and activities.

Dick

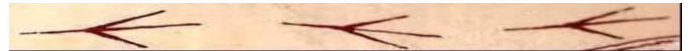


Audubon spring litter pick-up

Meet at the Mica Grange building at 8:30 AM to start the event. Arrive earlier to share a cup of coffee and a donut with us. Dress for the weather and bring a pair of gloves. We will furnish refuse bags and pickup tools.

You need to register for the event per Idaho Dept. of Transportation rules. Sign-up at the April Audubon meeting if you have not already done so.

We work regardless of weather so we depend on your commitment to help us get the job done



The Great Backyard Bird Count February 2019

If you took part in this citizen science bird count, you would have received the following in your email. If not, see the results below and consider taking part next year. The next GBBC will be February 14-17, 2020.

The following is from the *GBBC eNewsletter March 21, 2019*

Thanks to the efforts of so many bird watchers around the world, the 2019 Great Backyard Bird Count is one for the record books! By every measure, this year's event topped all previous levels of participation, checklists, and species reported. Below are the figures as of March 14, 2019.

**Species: 6,699 - Checklists: 204,921 -
Estimated Participants: 224,781**



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Great Backyard Bird Count

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Our top-10 list for species appearing on the greatest number of checklists shows the Northern Cardinal once again in the top spot.

Species	Number of Checklists
Northern Cardinal	56,785
Dark-eyed Junco	50,397
Mourning Dove	45,449
Downy Woodpecker	42,095
Blue Jay	40,386
American Crow	39,467
House Finch	37,726
House Sparrow	37,149
Black-capped Chickadee	35,757
White-breasted Nuthatch	33,284

The top-10 list above reflects species common in the United States and Canada because of continued high participation in the region. Record-breaking participation from other countries generated valuable data documenting the diversity of species across the globe. See the top-10 list below of countries reporting the greatest number

of species. Asterisks represent new species number records during the GBBC!

Top 10 Most Numerous Species

(sum of how many individuals were observed across all GBBC checklists)



Red-winged Blackbird jumped to the top of this list, up from the fourth most numerous species during the last count. Common Grackle and Herring

Gull both got bumped off the list and the Northern Shoveler is a new addition since last year.

Species	Number of Individuals
Red-winged Blackbird	4,290,218
Snow Goose	2,481,082
European Starling	2,031,493
Canada Goose	1,716,620
Common Murre	755,193
Ring-billed Gull	748,766
Mallard	720,105
American Robin	491,102
American Coot	448,816
Northern Shoveler	446,105

Note: These Top 10 species are common in North America, reflecting high participation from this region.

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Great Backyard Bird Count

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Top 10 States by Checklists Submitted



There are some minor movements on this list compared with last year: Florida and Pennsylvania swapped places and there was some shuffling around in the 6 to 10 range,

but nobody new came on the list and no state fell off. Half of the list set new state checklist records. *New state checklist record

State	Number of Checklists
California	10,059
Texas	9,121*
New York	8,453*
Florida	7,696*
Pennsylvania	7,640
Virginia	6,332*
Washington	4,905*
Ohio	4,901
North Carolina	4,620
Michigan	4,596

Top 10 Countries by Checklists Submitted

Outside the U.S. and Canada, participation in the GBBC is rising steeply. In fact, India jumped over Canada to take the number two spot on this year's worldwide checklist totals for the first time since the GBBC went international in 2013. The United Kingdom moved up two places and Portugal got knocked off the list this year. Every

country on the list set a new checklist record, including the U.S. and Canada! *New country checklist record (2013-present)

Country	Number of Checklists
United States	136,903*
India	21,524*
Canada	16,611*
Australia	2,811*
Spain	2,391*
Mexico	1,697*
United Kingdom	1,491*
Costa Rica	1,376*
Taiwan	1,091*
Colombia	1,046*

Top 10 Countries by Number of Species Reported

The list changes drastically when we rank the top 10 species-rich countries and Colombia outstripped other top contenders in the GBBC this year—the only country to surpass 1,000 species! There were plenty of species records broken during the count, too. *New country species number record

Country	Number of Species
Colombia	1,095*
Ecuador	948*
Brazil	844*
India	843*
Mexico	755
Peru	724*
Costa Rica	686*
United States	669*
Argentina	613*
Thailand	55



**Global Big Day
May 4, 2019**
**Next Bird-
Counting Event**

Your next opportunity to participate in a world-wide bird count is Global Big Day, being held on May 4. During the most recent Global Big Day, participants reported more than 7,000 species! If you've already done the GBBC, then you're ready to join this free event, too. Use your same username and password. For information go to

https://ebird.org/news/global-big-day-4-may-2019?utm_source=Cornell+Lab+eNews&utm_campaign=5221942c5d-GBBC_eNewsletter_Feb2017_1_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_47588b5758-5221942c5d-278108309

Learn more about eBird

Here's something for a rainy day or any time you can't get outside to go birding: try the free online tutorial about how to use eBird. You're already somewhat familiar with it because it's the online data reporting platform that powers the GBBC. Even if you already use eBird quite a bit, the eBird Essentials course may help you find even more ways to make the program work for you. And it's free!



Explore the Idaho Birding Website

www.idahobirds.net

The following is copied from the home page

Welcome to Idaho Birds

A rich diversity of birding opportunities awaits those visiting or living in Idaho. Its scenic landscapes and unique geologic features, with large lakes and wild rivers, rugged soaring peaks, heavily timbered forests, and high desert seas of sagebrush interspersed with oasis for migrating and wintering birds, combine to make Idaho a highly desirable, and underappreciated, birding destination.

Whether you want to challenge yourself physically by climbing a mountain to find Rosy-finches, add those hard to find lifers to your list, park next to a marsh to view breeding plumage waterfowl, or just enjoy the bird life amidst natural beauty, Idaho has many possibilities to offer.

Within these pages you will find compilations of state listserv traffic, latest eBird sightings, feeds from Idaho's birding Facebook groups, birding details and maps for destinations, species distribution maps-everything you need to plan your birding vacation or afternoon outing, and to stay in touch with what's going on in Idaho birding. Idaho Birds is also home of the Idaho Bird Records Committee. All of this adds up to your one stop internet resource for comprehensive information on birding in Idaho.

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Spring Bird Sightings

First of Kootenai County
Big Year

Greater Scaup - March 2

- Independence Point - Carl Lundblad

Wood Duck and Lesser Scaup - March 18 -
Medicine Lake - Bill and Sally Gundlach

Killdeer - March 16 - Sanders Beach - Bill
Gundlach and 2 at Medimont on March 17 -
Darlene Carlton

Wilson's Snipe - March 3 - Carlin Bay - Carl
Lundblad

Northern Saw-whet Owl - March 18 - Mica
Bay - Terry Little

Gray Jay - February 19 - Conklin Road - Del
Blackburn

Tree Swallow - March 20 - Centennial Trail
(between the KROC and Spokane River) Jean
Kolts

Violet Green Swallow - March 16 Blackwell
Slough - Terri Farr - March 19 - flew over
their house Sanders Beach area
George and Katie Saylor

Spotted Towhee - March 18 - Mica Bay -
Terry Little

Other Spring Bird Sightings

Tundra Swan - about a 1000 - Medicine and
Cave Lake - March 17-20 - Bill and Sally
Gundlach and Bob Marcella Hanson - air boat
then scared them off - later some reported
on Killarney Lake

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Other Spring Bird Sightings

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Horned Lark - 3- Highway 95 at Hansen/
Benewah Creek Roads - March 10 - Carl
Lundblad

Tree and Violet Green Swallows - March
17 - perched together on an overhead wire in
their yard on Cocolalla Lake, first saw
Bonner County - Laura and Ron Forsberg

Cassin's Finch - 8 - Ridgeview area, Benewah
County - March 13 - Donni Moen



Field Trips

Please contact Dick Cripe 208-665-0010 to
volunteer to lead a trip or make suggestions

Hoo Doo Blue Bird Trail Monitoring

It is time to start thinking about the Hoo
Doo box monitoring. We need volunteers
again; we will be checking boxes starting
April 25 through August 15. If you are
interested this year, I will be at the monthly
meeting in April with a sign-up sheet or you
can email me back and or text me. Also, if
you have dates that you are not available
please let me know that also.

We will be doing an orientation in late March
or early April for anyone that would like to
attend. The date will depend on the
weather. I want to thank all of you again
that participated last year and I hope you
will be able to help out again this year. It is
always a nice day trip and you will see plenty
of birds. Please include your cell phone
number and your email address.

Thanks in advance, Nancy and Rob Kroese
Email -- rnkroese@gmail.com
Cell phone and text -- (208) 651-3620

Mica Bay Survey

Date: April 9, Tuesday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen, 208 664-1085 **Call** if
you are coming

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a
month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner
birders are welcome

Chain O' Lakes, CdA River

Date: April 6, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Sherman Ave. Forest Service Office

Leader: Dick Cripe (208)665-0010

Activity: This event will be jointly with the
CdA Bike Club. We will bike and bird the
portion of the bike trail between Black Rock
and Medimont and observe the early arriving
waterfowl. Look for swans, geese, ducks of
all kinds, and early migrants. This would be a
 $\frac{3}{4}$ day trip with possibly lunch in
Harrison. Bring your own bike. We can make
arrangements for transportation as needed.
Let me know if you plan to attend.

Bitterroot Valley/Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge - Hamilton, Montana

Date: May 17-19

Time and Meeting: TBA

Leader: George Sayler 208 755-3815

Activity: This will be a three day/two night
trip to the area around Hamilton MT. This
area provides a variety of habitats -
forested area, riparian, shallow ponds, and
dry uplands. We will stay in lodging in
Hamilton. Several of us made this trip in
2010.

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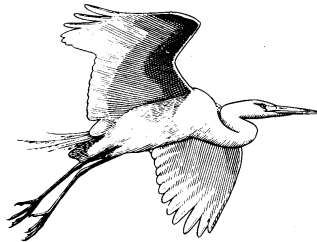
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