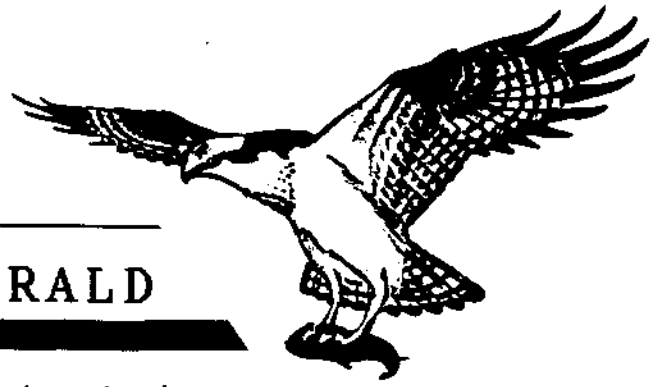


THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the Audubon Society
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NEW EDITOR

"Mike", I said, "I'll do the newsletter." I'm not sure if it was a look of relief or panic on Mike's face as I uttered those words. I'll do my best to keep the membership informed of coming events, conservation issues and news about our feathered and furred friends who add so much enjoyment to our lives. Contributions to the newsletter in the form of articles, book reviews, bird sightings etc. are welcome! The deadline for the next months newsletter will be the 25th of each month. Please send your submissions for the newsletter to the above address.

CALENDAR CHECK

DEC. 5 and 12 SUNDAY

Scouting trip for the Christmas Bird count
Meet at 9:30 at the SW corner of Ward's parking lot. We will spend 3 to 4 hours birding so you may want to bring some snacks or lunch.

Leader - Shirley Sturts 664-5318.

DEC. 18 SATURDAY: Christmas Bird Count Day -

(Cost is \$5.00 a person
Pay Susan Weller - CBC Compiler

Plan to spend part or all of the day with one of the leaders. Beginning birders are welcome. You can help the leader spot birds and at the same time increase your birding knowledge and skills. Call the leader you wish to go with to find out the meeting place and time.

Susan Weller 1-682-3413

Susan is our compiler for the CBC)

Area covered: Silver Beach, CdA, Fernan and Stanley Hill, South end of Dalton Gardens, Tubbs Hill.

Dan Svingen 1-682-3413

Area covered: North side of Hayden Lake, Rimrock, Avondale, Rathdrum Prairie north of Hayden Ave. to Rathdrum, Dike Rd, City Beach

Gertie Hanson 667-9389

Area Covered: Kid Island Bay, Cougar Bay, Spokane River to and including Post Falls south of I-90.

Shirley Sturts 664-5318

Area Covered: South side of Hayden Lake, North end of Dalton Gardens and Rathdrum Prairie south of Hayden Ave. to and including Post Falls north of I-90.

**DEC. 18 SATURDAY
FEEDER WATCHERS**

If you are interested in helping out with the CBC from the comforts of your home we need you!!! Please call one of the leaders and let them know if you would be willing to let the field watchers come by your home and check on your feeder and/or report to them what birds came to your feeder that day. Make arrangements with a leader that is covering your area. See the Calendar Check for names and phone numbers or call Shirley at 664-5318.

**DEC. 18
SATURDAY:
CBC POTLUCK**

Time: Arrive at counts end. We hope to be sitting down by 5PM to eat. Please come and share the days sightings and experiences with the other teams. Please come share with us even if you were not able to come out on the count.

Place:

Herb and Jan Severtson were kind enough to volunteer to be hosts for this event.

Please call and RSVP so that they can plan seating and place settings. Phone 667-6209.

They live at 1460 Fairmont Loop. Call for directions.

**DEC. 21 TUESDAY:
REGULAR MEETING**

Time: 7 pm

Place: Iron Horse

Program: Jack McNeel - Idaho Fish and Game - Guest Speaker.

**DEC. 28 TUESDAY:
INDIAN MOUNTAIN CBC**

Don Heikkila from Harrison is the compiler of the CBC. If you are interested in participating call Don at 689-3349 or call one of the following field leaders:

Shirley Sturts 664-5318
Area Covered: Hayburn State Park and surrounding area

Susan Weller 1-682-3413
Area Covered Medimont to Harrison

Dan Svingen: 1-245-2282
Area Covered St. Maries to Harrison

**JAN. 8 SATURDAY
FIELD TRIP
NATIONAL BALD EAGLE
SURVEY**

Time: 7:00 AM for breakfast (optional) Leave at 8:00 AM
Place: Rustler's Roost 819 Sherman Ave.

We will be participating in the Mid-winter Bald Eagle survey sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. We will either do the Wolf Lodge Bay area or Cougar Bay and Spokane River. Leader: Susan Weller 682-3413

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Coming soon to our neighborhood will be the 3rd Coeur d'Alene CBC which will be just one of some 1600+ sponsored by the National Audubon Society. (see events calendar for details) Nearby Don Heikkila will be gearing up for the 26th Indian Mountain CBC at Harrison and The Bonner-Boundary Birders will be doing their 7th CBC. Other counts in the area include Moscow which started in 1971 and Spokane which started in 1957. Compared to the eastern part of our country we are but youngsters. The CBC was started in the year 1900, when twenty-five small areas were tallied. This has expanded to last year's 1646 counts, including 37 from the tropics and 10 in the Pacific Islands. There were 36,713 birders in the field and 6875 feeder watchers.



Is it worthwhile to be involved in a CBC? It sure is. Data from the Christmas Count is stored in computers and is available to professionals and serious amateurs for bird distribution and population studies. Information from this data base is presently being used in a program launched by the National Audubon Society called "Birds in Balance", an international campaign to protect bird habitat. So besides being just a fun thing to do during the Christmas season participants can get satisfaction from taking an active part in scientific studies and wildlife conservation.

Each count is done during one twenty-four hour day. All the birds within a circle, 15 miles in diameter, are counted as accurately as possible. There can be any number of participants both in the field and at feeders. All the counts are written up and published in the CBC edition of American Birds. Participants are asked to pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the count and their names will be published in the report. The \$5.00 helps to offset the expenses of publication

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

- Youth Education Program - 93-94

Report from Bee Piane

The Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society has arranged for 70 third and fifth grade classes to belong to the Audubon Adventures program. Every third and fifth grade class in the following school districts will receive a bimonthly Audubon Adventures newspaper for each child. Each child will receive a membership card and decals. The teacher will receive a Leader's Guide containing activity ideas to use with the newspaper.

Idaho towns involved	School Dist.	School name	3rd	5th
Coeur d'Alene	271	Borah	2	3
Dalton Gardens		Bryan	3	3
Hayden Lake		Dalton	2	3
		Fernau	5	4
		Hayden Lake	2	1
		Meadows	4	4
		Ramsey	4	4
		Sorenson	2	2
		Winston	1	2
		total	25	26
Cataldo	391	Canyon	1	1
Pinehurst		Pinehurst	3	2
Kellogg		Sunnyside	2	2
		total	6	5
Nullan	392	Nullan	1	1
		total	1	1
Osburn	393	Osburn	3	3
Wallace		total	3	3

Total 3rd grade 35 5th grade 35
Grand Total 70 classrooms



GREAT JOB BEE - WE
APPRECIATE YOUR HARD
WORK ON THIS PROJECT

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

I thought it would be fun to do a mini "Project Feeder Watch" just for our area. It would be based on the "Project Feeder Watch" organized by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology but not as comprehensive. Those of you participating in the Cornell project could use your same days. This would consist of counting all the birds that come to your feeder during specified count days. There would be 4 days between Dec. 15 and Feb. 15 that you would write down all the birds and the largest number seen at any one time. The results would be published in The Fish Hawk Herald. If you are interested in receiving a survey form send a self addressed envelope to Shirley Sturts E. 4615 Fernan Lake Road - Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 or pick one up at the Dec. 21st meeting.

FEEDER WATCH

Feeders surveyed: Jane Badraun, Barbara Durrell, Gertie Hanson, Mary Manning, Shirley Sturts, Susan Weller .

- Northern Harrier - JB
- Ruffed Grouse - SS
- Ring-Necked Pheasant JB
- Downy Woodpecker - JB
- Hairy Woodpecker - JB
- Northern Flicker - JB GH
- Pileated Woodpecker - SW
- Black-Billed Magpie - JB GH SS
- Black-Capped Chickadee - JB GH BD SS SW
- Mountain Chickadee JB GH SS SW
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee SS SW
- Red-breasted Nuthatch JB GH SS SW
- Pygmy Nuthatch - JB
- Brown Creeper - JB (3) SW (1)
- Song Sparrow - SS
- Dark-Eyed Junco - JB BD GH SS SW
- Cassin's Finch - SW
- House Finch - JB BD GH SS SW
- American Goldfinch - JB

Jane we're all jealous!!!!

Mary has her seeds already and so does her neighbor but they have no birds. She is the only observer from this report that lives in town. (Feeder reports wanted for next month)

OBSERVATION POST

Observers: Frank Andrews, Jane Badraun, Eula Hickam, Henry Logsdon, Dan Svingen, Susan Weller



- Pacific Loon 1 10/16/93 - 11/16/93 Harrison Marina (DS)
- Barrow's Goldeneye 11/7/93 St. Maries Sewage Ponds (DS)
- Merlin 1 (imm.) 11/7/93 Hell's Gulch Flats s. of St. Maries (DS)
- Wild Turkey several reported at Rose Lake (HL) and E. Fernan Lake (PA)
- Glaucous Gull 1 (1st winter) 11/11/93 C&A Landfill at Fighting Creek (DS)
- Glaucous-winged Gull 1 (1st winter) 11/11/93 C&A Landfill at Fighting Cr. (DS)
- Glaucous-winged-Herring Hybrid 1 11/11/93 C&A Landfill at Fighting Cr. (DS)

- Great-Horned Owl 1 (taking a bath in her pond) Rathdrum Prairie (JB)
- Ruby-Crowned Kinglet 1 Nov. 1 (about) Cataldo area (SW)
- Varied Thrush 1 11/26/93 Rathdrum Prairie (her home) (JB)
- Northern Shrike 1 10/12/93 Canyon Rd. near Cataldo (SW) 10/30/93 s.e. of Plumber (EH)
- Rusty Blackbird 1 M 1 F - Nov. 20-Nov. 28+ Hell's Gulch Flats s. of St. Maries (DS)
- White-Winged Crossbills 12 10/9/93 Cataldo home (SW)

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: A membership in the National Audubon Society also entitles you to chapter membership in the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society and receipt of the bimonthly Audubon magazine and the chapter newsletter, The Fish Hawk Herald. First time members should make their checks payable to the National Audubon Society and send them to our membership chairman (see address below) If you send your membership check direct to the National Audubon Society data center, please mention you wish to be affiliated with the Coeur d'Alene Chapter and give them the chapter code 7SCH8 Membership ..\$30 a year.

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