

THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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Bluebird Nest Boxes for Sale



Hello Audubon members and friends, the Panhandle Chapter of the Idaho Master Naturalists has bluebird nesting boxes for sale for \$10 each.

These boxes are made out of cedar and the front door lifts up from the bottom for easy fall clean out.

These will make nice gifts or maybe it's time to replace some of your old nesting boxes that aren't quite as sturdy as they used to be!

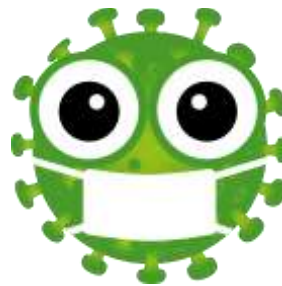
If you would like to purchase these fabulous boxes, please contact Laura Forsberg at (208)964-0115 or email at lbayless12@aol.com

Books for Tots

In past years, we have asked you to bring books to our December meeting for the Books for Tots program. If you wish to continue the tradition, you can visit the Well Read Moose - or order on line at:

<https://www.wellreadmoose.com/books-for-tots-2020>

President Letter



December, winter solstice, short days, long nights, holidays without family, pandemic on the rise; a grim few months ahead.

However there are things to do to relieve the gloom. What better way is there than to get outside. Go for walk or take a short drive and look for birds. The Bald Eagles will have arrived on schedule at Higgens Point. Then there is the Christmas Bird Count. The CDA Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for December 19th. We will not have the social aspect this year, but you can still participate either solo or with a partner. You can be assigned a smaller area to do on the designated day. To participate call Doug Ward at (208)-762-7107) or cell 208)699-9372 to get an assigned area.

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Or, if that doesn't work for you, Project FeederWatch, conducted by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, began on November 14, but lasts through March so you can still join. What better activity during this period than to set out feeders near a window and watch birds while homebound. You can participate in citizen science by reporting your observations on Cornell Labs Website.

And, of course, you can continue to go out on your own to see what you can see. I walked along the Centennial Trail towards Higgens Point on election day and saw several loons, a group of goldeneye, and one Bald Eagle. It was a brisk, but enjoyable day, a great way to escape the political turmoil.



We have a puzzle that I have been a little reluctant to get into. It consists of pictures of owls, more specifically owl eyes. As we get deeper into the winter I'll have to tackle it. Then there are bird related books to read. I confess I haven't read much of

Sibley's book on bird behavior. That would be a good project for the winter, read in chunks.

I had thought that we might be able to begin meetings after the new year but that looks very unlikely. We will have to wait for the vaccine in the spring, and maybe celebrate with a picnic in June and then look forward to a normal 21/22.

Now it is December, but sooner than you think it will be March again and the beginning of spring. So, hunker down, stay safe, content yourself with letters and phone calls and stay safe.

Richard Cripe, President.



Recent Bird Sighting

Eared Grebe - 1 Hayden Lake Dike Road - -
October 25 - Dog Ward

California Quail - 12-14 - Fernan Lake
Feeder - all fall - Shirley Sturts

Northern Shrike - 1 - first fall report) -
Wolf Lodge Bay - October 28 - Darlene
Carlton

White-breasted Nuthatch - 2 - in her yard
feeder - October 26 - Peggy Albertson

Varied Thrush - 1 - Loch Haven, Hayden -
October 27 - Doug Ward

White-Throated Sparrow - 1 - Loch Haven,
Hayden - October 27 - Doug Ward

Slate-colored and Dark-eye Juncos - Loch
Haven, Hayden - October 27 - Doug Ward

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Gray-Crowned Rosy-Finch - 2 flocks seen along a trail he was walking up on Skitwish Mountain - November 6 - Ted Smith

Cassin's Finch - 2 - Loch Haven, Hayden - October 27 - Doug Ward

Common Redpoll - Bayview - October 16 - Doug Ward

Common Crane - New Idaho Bird



18-19 November -in a field with a flock of Canada Geese - on private land southeast of Fairfield, Camas County - many observers - 2 rare bird reports submitted to the Idaho Rare Bird Committee - if accepted this will a first for Idaho bringing the Idaho species total to 433 - see

<https://ibrc.idahobirds.net/checklist>

For information about the Idaho Rare Bird Committee go to

<https://ibrc.idahobirds.net/>

Field Trips

Coeur d'Alene Christmas Bird Count

Doug Ward and Shirley Sturts, organizers

Date Set: December 19th, Saturday - If you have not already responded to our previous notices, please let us know that you want to participate. Doug is going to organize the areas that we need to cover in the circle. The division of areas will be different from past years. If there is an area you are interested in doing, contact Doug.

We will be doing the CBC but with some changes. There will be no breakfast or after count gathering. You can either go out by yourself or organize your own team of 2 or more that you feel comfortable being with. Another way to participate is to stay home and count birds at your feeder Please send email to both of us at:

dougward@frontier.com

shirley.sturts@gmail.com

Mica Bay Survey

No December Survey

Date: January 12, Tuesday (Held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on the month)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen (208) 664-1085

Call her if you plan on coming - she may cancel if the roads are bad.

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

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