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CALENDAR CHECK

(Registering for a field trip is not required but if you register the leader will call you if the time or meeting place is changed)

FEB. 5 SUNDAY LIVE WORLD OF AUDUBON SPECIAL ON TELEVISION "FLAMINGOWATCH"

See the article on page 6 for more information and check your local television listings for time and station

FEB. 19 SUNDAY FILED TRIP HEYBURN STATE PARK

Time: 8 A.M.
Leader: Wallace Keck, 664-4029
Meet: Museum of North Idaho Parking Lot on Northwest Boulevard
Activity: At Heyburn State Park, we'll be joined by Americorps Volunteer and Naturalist, Lisa Kirchhoffer. Lisa will guide us on the one-mile Plummer Creek Trail from marsh to forest. Then we'll scope out waterfowl and eagles on Chatcolet Lake, followed by lunch at the nature center--bring a lunch. From Heyburn, we'll drive to Harrison to observe birds along the confluence of the Coeur d'Alene River and the state wildlife area. The trip will conclude along Hwy 97 at Wolf Lodge Bay to confirm the last of the wintering eagles.

FEB. 21 TUESDAY BOARD AND REGULAR MEETING

Time: 6:30 PM Board Meeting 7:00 PM Regular meeting

Place: Iron Horse

6:30 PM Agenda: Review of election procedures and formation of an election committee - Interested members are welcome

Regular Program:

Wallace Keck will present "Birding on the Border. Through slides, Wallace will take us along the Mexican border to see birds and birding hot spots.

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE OFFERS CLASS ON BIRDS

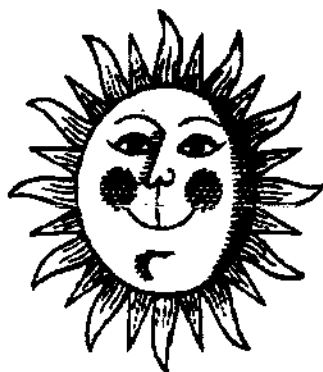
This spring, the Community Education section of NIC will be offering a course entitled "Birding for Life". Participants will study identification, songs, and calls both in class and in the field. A history of birdwatching from Audubon to Peterson is included. The class will be held Wednesday, April 19 & 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the new Community Education Building in Post Falls. Field study will be conducted at Quenlin Park on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Students are encouraged to purchase a field guide to the birds and bring binoculars on the field study. Cost of the class is \$29, and is limited. Register by calling 769-3444.

** LOCAL CONSERVATION **

By Wallace Keck, Conservation Chair

If I just had another week! As I write this article, I still don't know (1) if Coeur d'Alene will make Micron's short list, (2) if the planning and zoning board will recommend development on the southeast side of Blackwell Island, (3) how vocal the boating community will be at the BLM public hearing concerning development of a recreation area on Blackwell, or (4) if Priest Lake Ranger District will close roads to protect grizzlies. The most frustrating thing is, as you read this, you already know the answer...perhaps. (Stay tuned) (editors note: The Decision to close roads for grizzlies has been postponed for another month.)

The lack of late breaking environmental news gives me space and time to editorialize, and make a confession....I used to be a Republican. Down-sizing government, states rights, and a balanced budget sounded good to me. But then I moved to Idaho where smaller government means less environmental oversight and regulation. States rights means those liberals on the east coast can't tell Idahoans how little to cut, and where to dig or graze. A Balanced budget means reduced funding for those pesky environmental agencies. For instance: Governor Batt is going after the Department of Fish and Game like Andrus goes after trout. State Park's are being asked to cut over \$90,000 out of the existing budget.



Many Republicans are calling for consolidation of agencies like BLM and USFS. Others are suggesting that National Parks should be operated by the private sector, or that the US Fish & Wildlife Service should butt out of peoples lives and quit listing endangered species (it's bad for the economy). What's the answer? We need to continue sending the message to our public officials that most Americans want fiscal responsibility, tax relief, and smart government, but not, as one recent poll suggests, lasting environmental degradation for the sake of short-term gain.

Budgets will come and go with the politicians and interest rates, but we've only got one earth, one North Idaho. If we can afford to let the Grizzly, Gray Wolf, Salmon, and Spotted Owl slide into extinction for the sake of a new four-wheel drive, cable TV, and dinner at the resort, then there is a little hope that we'll treat each other much better.

If we can afford to pave over Blackwell Island, surround Cougar Bay with condos, or industrialize Rathdrum Prairie, then we've decided that the only good use for land is to put people on it--a concept even my Christian background cannot tolerate. It seems that Republicans are opening Pandora's Box when they suggest that cows are more important than wolves and cheap electricity is of greater value than salmon. This kind of thinking creates an endless list of flora and fauna that can be sacrificed for the greater "good".

Frankly, it is too hard to be a Republican environmentalist, and that's a shame. In a perfect world, we need a little of both. Final thought...I recently evaluated my home recycling project during 1994. For you Democrats, I figure I saved a couple of trees, helped to decrease excessive mining for aluminum (bauxite), and prevented at least 300 lbs of glass from entering the land-fill. For you Republicans...I made \$12.39 off the junk.



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Bird Quotes Quiz

(Bird watching
inside literature)

Check your bird/literary IQ. There are many memorable quotes, poetry, and quips about birds. How many can you recognize? Who said.....

(see answers on page 4 - send quotes to the editor for future newsletters)

"The robin redbreast in a cage
Puts all heaven in a rage...
He who shall hurt the little wren
Shall never be beloved by men."

"The swallow twittering from the
Straw-built shed.
The moping owl does to the moon
complain."

"The way the crow shook down on me
The dust of snow from a hemlock tree
Has given my heart a change of mood
And saved some part of a day I rued."

"Mr. Bluebird on my shoulder
it's truth - it's actual -everything
is satisfactual.
"Zip-a-de-do-dah, Zip-a-de-day..."

"I am but mad north-north-west.
When the wind is southerly I know a
hawk from a handshaw."

Christmas Bird Count Trivia for 1992

Information taken from the Audubon Forum
in Compuserve

There were 1668 count circles and 43,189
observers (36250 in the field, 6935 at
feeders).

47 of the count circles were outside the
continental USA in, for example, Costa
Rica, Panama, Brazil, Mexico, Belize,
Honduras, and certain unnamed tropical
Pacific islands. Even France
participated via St. Pierre & Miquelon
Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The highest
species count
was in Panama
at 342 species.
The highest USA
count was in
Corpus Christi,
TX at 224;
second was
Freeport, Texas
at 214; 3rd was
a tie between
Moss Landing, CA
and Morro Bay,
CA at 203.



In Alaska at
Prudhoe Bay, Ed Burrows, compiler, with
two assistants, traveled 41 miles by
truck from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm,
temperature about 3 degrees Farenheit,
wind 5-10 mph from
the SW. Final totals: 36 Common
Ravens. That's all.

All counts are done inside a circle 15
miles in diameter. The data is
collected by National Audubon and is
being used to demonstrate long term
population trends.



INDIAN MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Indian Mountain Bird count was organized in 1967 by Don Heikkila. The count circle which is 15 miles in diameter has its center on top of Indian Mountain near Harrison, Idaho. The count circle includes Heyburn State Park, St. Maries, Harrison and the Medimont area. I have listed the results of the 1991-1993-1994 counts. Some of the birds on the list were not seen during these three years but have been sighted on earlier counts. Although the weather was better than on the Coeur d'Alene CBC the song bird numbers were lower than in the past three years and waterfowl numbers were high.

This year's field observers: Don Heikkila (organizer), Gertie Hanson, Del and Joyce Hoffman, Carol and Winnie Jenson, Wallace Keck, John and Cody Montgomery, Theresa Potts, Carrie and Shirley Sturts, Dan Svingen, Shirley Thompson, Susan Weller.

CORRECTION FROM THE JANUARY FISH HAWK HERALD:

My apologies to Kris Buchler and Diane Gray. They participated in the Coeur d'Alene CBC but were left off the list.

OBSERVATION POST



Observers: Chris Buehler (CB), Janet Callen (JC), Gertie Hanson (GH) Wallace Keck (WK) Jack McNeel (JM), George and Katie Saylor (GKS), Shirley Sturts (SHS), Phil and Judy Waring (PJW)

1. Red-necked Grebe 2 Wolf Lodge Bay, Cda Lake Jan.15 (WK)
2. Western Grebe 5 Higgins Point, CDA Lake Jan. 15 (WK)
3. Tundra Swan 4 Blue Creek Bay, CDA Lake Jan. 7 (WK)
4. Canada Goose 1000 approx. Cougar Bay, CDA Lake Jan.21 (GH)
5. Common Goldeneye 2 Hayden Lake Jan. 16 (WK)
6. Bufflehead 3 Hayden Lake Jan. 16 (WK)
7. Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 CDA city Jan. 15 (JG)
8. Red-tailed Hawk 1 immature Potlatch Hill Oct. 19 (KB)
9. Rough-legged Hawk 2 near Worley Hiway 95 Jan. 15 (GKS)
10. Bald Eagle 8 Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake Jan. 15 (WK), 2 adults Potlatch Hill Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 27 and 1 immature Nov. 17 (KB)
11. Ruffed Grouse 2 winter residents Carder Farm on Blackwell Hill (GH)
12. Herring Gull 1 with Ring-billed Gulls Higgins Point (WK)
13. Pygmy Owl 1 Oct. 29, Nov. 20 and Dec. 27 Potlatch Hill (KB)
14. Downy Woodpecker 1 at feeder Fernan Lake Dec. 31 (SHS)
15. Hairy Woodpecker 1 Potlatch Hill Jan. 1-3 and now a regular visitor (KB)
16. Black-backed Woodpecker 1 Farragut State Park Jan. 20 (WK)
17. Pileated Woodpecker 2 Farragut S.P. Jan. 21 (WK), 1 Quemlin Park Post Falls (PJW)
18. Belted Kingfisher 1 Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake Dec. 27 (KB)
19. Steller's Jay 1 Nov. 15 Potlatch Hill (KB)
20. Blue Jay 1-5 are still coming to the feeder as of Jan. 22 (JM)
21. Pine Grosbeak 22 at the Carder Farm Blackwell Hill (GH)

Answers to Quotes Quiz from page 3

William Blake - Thomas Gray - Robert Frost - Ray Gilbert - William Shakespeare (Hamlet)

THE INDIAN MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

| Species | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | Species | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|---|---------------|------|------|
| Yellow-billed Loon | 2 | - | - | Downy Woodpecker | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| Pied-Billed Grebe | 2 | - | 6 | Hairy Woodpecker | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Horned Grebe | 17 | 22 | - | Northern Flicker | 24 | 16 | 18 |
| Bared Grebe | - | 1 | - | Pileated Woodpecker | - | 1 | 1 |
| Red-Necked Grebe | 8 | - | 9 | Horned Lark | (150 in 1990) | - | - |
| Western Grebe | 2 | 1 | 4 | Gray Jay | - | 9 | - |
| Great Blue Heron | 68 | 41 | 7 | Steller's Jay | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Tundra Swan | 24 | 30 | 7 | Blue Jay | - | - | - |
| Canada Goose | 3296 | 6653 | 7565 | Clark's Nutcracker | - | 6 | - |
| Wood Duck | 1 | 2 | - | Black-billed Magpie | 38 | 25 | 27 |
| Green-winged Teal | 3 | 2 | - | American Crow | 3 | 67 | 49 |
| Mallard | 266 | 1357 | 191 | Common Raven | 32 | 24 | 60 |
| Farasian Nigeon | 1 | - | - | Black-c Chickadee | 105 | 58 | 52 |
| American Nigeon | 153 | 28 | 57 | Mountain Chickadee | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Canvasback | - | - | - | Chestnut-b chickadee | 1 | 13 | 7 |
| Redhead | 85 | 7 | 10 | Red-b Nuthatch | 31 | 31 | 24 |
| Ring-necked Duck | 8 | 2 | 27 | White-b Nuthatch | - | - | 1 |
| Lesser Scaup | 2 | - | 31 | Pygmy Nuthatch | - | - | - |
| Common Goldeneye | 42 | 37 | 6 | Brown Creeper | - | - | 3 |
| Barrow's Goldeneye | - | - | 3 | Bewick's Wren | - | - | 1 |
| Bufflehead | 6 | - | 1 | Winter Wren | - | 3 | - |
| Hooded Merganser | 83 | 147 | 81 | Marsh Wren | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Common Merganser | 79 | 60 | 257 | American Dipper | 1 | - | - |
| Ruddy Duck | - | - | 1 | Golden-c Kinglet | 51 | 21 | 65 |
| Bald Eagle | 13 | 21 | 23 | Ruby-c Kinglet (1 seen in 1974-1975) | - | - | - |
| Northern Harrier | 6 | 3 | - | Townsend's Solitaire | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | - | 1 | - | American Robin | 109 | 10 | 29 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 2 | - | - | Varied Thrush | - | - | - |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 14 | 34 | 11 | Bohemian Waxwing | 285 | 223 | 275 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 7 | 3 | 14 | Cedar Waxwing | 9 | 103 | - |
| Golden Eagle | - | - | - | Northern Shrike | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| American Kestrel | 3 | 1 | 1 | Loggerhead Shrike | 1 | - | - |
| Gray Partridge | 8 | - | - | European Starling | 19 | 57 | 1 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | - | - | 1 | Yellow-r Warbler (2-1974, 1-1975, 1-1989) | - | - | - |
| Blue Grouse | - | 1 | - | Rufous-s Towhee | 2 | - | - |
| Ruffed Grouse | 7 | 5 | - | Am. Tree Sparrow (1-1974, 1-1990) | - | - | - |
| Wild Turkey | - | 84 | 17 | Song Sparrow | 23 | 26 | 17 |
| California Quail | - | 6 | - | White-th. Sparrow | - | 1 | - |
| American Coot | 94 | 3 | 125 | Dark-eyed Junco | 50 | 54 | 45 |
| Killdeer | - | 1 | - | Red-winged Blackbird | 2 | 136 | 23 |
| Common Snipe | - | 1 | - | Brewer's Blackbird | - | 2 | 2 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 146 | 96 | 400 | Pine Grosbeak | - | 1 | 11 |
| California Gull | 12 | 31 | 1 | Cassin's Finch | 5 | 40 | - |
| Herring Gull | 5 | 1 | 10 | House Finch | 31 | 2 | 22 |
| Rock Dove | - | 5 | 19 | Red-Crossbill | 69 | 69 | 62 |
| Mourning Dove | 1 | 1 | 6 | White-w Crossbill | 15 | - | - |
| Great Horned Owl | - | - | 1 | Common Redpoll | - | - | 8 |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl | 1 | 2 | 1 | Pine Siskin | 148 | 112 | - |
| Short-eared owl | - | - | - | American Goldfinch | 79 | 65 | 39 |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl (1 in 1987) | - | - | - | Evening Grosbeak | 92 | 92 | 10 |
| Black-c Hummingbird (1 in 1980) | - | - | - | House Sparrow | - | - | - |
| Belted Kingfisher | 3 | 2 | 4 | | | | |
| Yellow-b Sapsucker | - | 1 | - | Total Species | 71 | 71 | 64 |
| Williamson's Sapsucker(1 in 1988) | - | - | - | Total Individuals | 5005 | 9819 | 9749 |

AUDUBON, TBS AND BBC USE TECHNOLOGICAL WIZARDRY TO BROADCAST AFRICAN WILDLIFE SPECTACLE -- LIVE WORLD OF AUDUBON SPECIAL, FLAMINGOWATCH, AIRS FEB. 5

(from the Audubon Forum - Compuserve)

NEW YORK, NY, DEC. 20 -- In an unprecedented World of Audubon special, millions of flamingos will soar through the African skies and across your television screen live, when National Audubon Society Productions, TBS Superstation and the BBC Natural History Unit join forces to bring you a unique, real-time broadcast of the world's most beautiful, fascinating and graceful airborne wildlife spectacle.

Using satellite technology, Audubon, TBS and the BBC will transmit one of the world's most resplendent African wildlife spectacles to classrooms and homes throughout the United States and Great Britain. As three million flamingos converge at their traditional feeding grounds in Kenya, World of Audubon will be there.

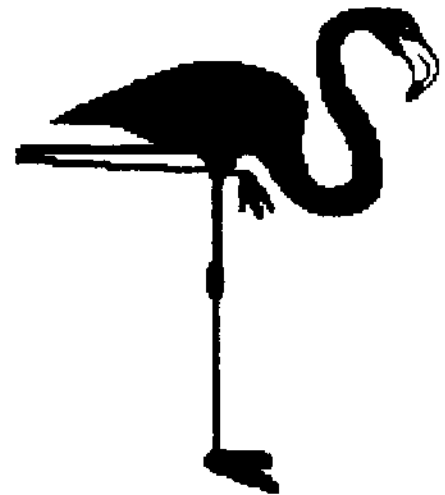
FLAMINGOWATCH, airing Sunday, February 5 at pm (ET) on TBS Superstation, will enable millions of viewers to witness this phenomenal natural event live, as it's happening.

In Kenya, a 75-person FLAMINGOWATCH crew will deploy a phalanx of cameras, microwave links and satellite feeds to capture one of nature's most colorful pageants as it unfolds. Nineteen cameras will fan over the 50 miles of the Kenya's Great Rift Valley to photograph the three feeding grounds of the flamingos, Lake Bogoria, Lake Nakuru and Lake Elementeita. In order to accomplish this, the BBC, experts in the air of unobtrusive wildlife surveillance, have designed a "flamingo-cam," a floating, radio-operated camera which can be steered into the midst of the flamingo flock.

Prior to the premiere of FLAMINGOWATCH, from February 1-3, Adventures, will offer a live, interactive three-day electronic field trip for school children as part of the Turner Adventure Learning series. As live flamingo images are transmitted into classrooms across the country, students will be able to conduct an Internet dialogue with a team of wildlife experts assembled by the National Audubon Society. This Internet exchange will provide students with an opportunity to learn about birds and wildlife in the region, as well as about the history and culture of Kenya, the unique geological features of the East African Rift Valley and conservation efforts in the National Park.

TBS correspondent Peggy Knapp (Network Earth) will co-host FLAMINGO-WATCH with BBC's Simon King, while field correspondents Jonathan Scott and Chris Packham will provide animal "color commentary." From the primeval hot springs of Lake Bogoria to rhino tracking in Lake Nakuru, the four presenters will explore the behaviors of many of the species that live on and around the Lakes. This includes an impressive array of exotic birds, as well as hippos, waterbuck, Thomson's and Grant's gazelles, buffaloes, zebras, leopards and baboons.

Schools interested in the FLAMINGOWATCH electronic field trip and Internet dialogue are encouraged to call 1-800-344-6219 to involve their schools in this unique wildlife event.



Spring Migratory Bird Conference in Boise, Idaho May 19-23, 1995

Put the dates of Friday, May 19th through Tuesday, May 23rd on your calendars for our next regional conference in Boise, Idaho! The conference will be hosted by the Golden Eagle Audubon Society, will have as its theme Audubon's Migratory Bird Program and will bring together several key players in the program, both from the Audubon staff and from federal and state agencies.

Boise is a particularly strategic location as it is the headquarters for both the BLM's migratory bird program and their international raptor work, and is also the location of the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey. Field trips will take place to the Snake River Canyon Birds of Prey Natural Area and to Al Larson's popular bluebird trails in the surrounding foothills, as well as short walking trips along the Boise River Greenway. Just as in 1984 we are fortunate to again have access to the lodging and meal services at Boise State University, so that individual meals and/or multi-day packages will be available. Please check on the form below your anticipated meal requirements, so that we may give an estimate to the caterer. Lodging is on a first come, first serve basis so we encourage you to send in your request early. There are several motels adjacent to the campus should you prefer this option and there is also a campsite not far from the University. Hope to see you there!

- Registration: \$15/person (no registration fee for children)
- Lodging (Approx. \$16/person/night):
 Fri: Sat: Sun: Mon: Tues:

Names of those requiring accommodation:

- (1) _____ (2) _____
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Address: _____

Tel: (____) _____

- I(we) expect to purchase meals at the university cafeteria: Yes: No:
- I am interested in more information on the children's program: Yes: No:
- Please sign me up for the following field trips (prices to be determined to meet costs):
 - (a) Bluebird Trail: Monday Tuesday
 - (b) Snake River Float: Monday Tuesday
 - (c) World Center Birds of Prey: Sunday Afternoon:
- I would like to attend the Saturday Evening Banquet (Approx. \$16) Yes No

Please return this form with your registration fee (check made payable to National Audubon Society) to National Audubon Society, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 4150 Darley Avenue #5, Boulder, CO 80303. Tel: (303) 499-0219.

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