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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

DATE: February 10, Tuesday

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS: Darlene Carlton and Janet Callen

PROGRAM: "Join Us on Safari" Darlene and Janet will share their experiences on a twelve-day safari to Botswana, Africa last March. Darlene has many outstanding photographs of the animals and birds they saw in their travels.

Join us on Safari

Darlene Carlton and Janet Callen



In late March, 2014, we journeyed to Botswana, Africa for a twelve-day safari. Along the way we joined Darlene's friends, Ann and Bruce, in Atlanta. From Johannesburg, South Africa we flew to Maun, Botswana and a wonderful adventure began. Our first camp was Kalahari Plains, where we saw Lions and Cheetahs and Leopards, oh my! Here we met a Bushman, a Kori Bustard, the Pale Chanting Goshawk and many more birds and mammals. We traveled to Deception Valley, the site where Mark and Delia Owens spent eight years. Along the way, a herd??? of 45 giraffes. Next site was Duma Tau, and water travel. We watched a pack of Painted Wild Dogs chasing an Impala, and a very determined and hungry Spotted Hyena waiting for scraps to drop. Here were several species of Hornbills and Geese that sit in trees and Elephants. Our third camp was Xigeria where we were lucky enough to see the magnificent Pel's Fishing owl, a Giant Eagle owl, and Hippos among the water lilies. Our last camp was Kwetsana, where the Baboon sport apparently was watching humans come and go every day. Please join us for sunshine, many more birds and animals, including six species of Kingfisher and bush tea and cookies. We traveled with www.wilderness-safaris.com

Great Back Yard Bird Count

February 13-15, 2015

Go to: <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/get-started/>

A note to the City of Rocks Travelers.



Friends: Judy Waring and I have paid the lodging cost for both the lodge and the bunkhouse in full

for the two nights we plan to stay. In the first week of April we will collect a deposit from everyone who plans to go, so that we can correctly gauge the number of beds we will have to have. At the present time, I believe there are 15 people who have expressed interest. In the meantime please send me your e-mail address and your telephone number. Then we can address the group. We plan to stay the first night in Boise, probably at La Quinta near the airport. Appears to be less expensive than downtown locations. Then we will travel via Bruneau Dunes, Thousand Springs and Hagerman Wildlife refuge to City. There is lodging in Burley Id, which is 51 miles from City; a Fairfield Inn and a Best Western. There are also campgrounds at City.

Anyone can join us for any portion of the trip, if they wish. And we have yet to plan the journey home. Thanks, Janet Callen
jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com 664-1085

1. **Register for the count** or use your existing login name and password. If you have never participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count or any other Cornell Lab citizen-science project, you'll need to **create a new account**. If you already created an account for last year's GBBC, or if you're already registered with eBird or another Cornell Lab citizen-science project, you can use your existing login information

2. **Count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the GBBC.** You can count for longer than that if you wish! Count birds in as many places and on as many days as you like—one day, two days, or all four days. Submit a separate checklist for each new day, for each new location, or for the same location if you counted at a different time of day. Estimate the number of individuals of each species you saw during your count period.

3. **Enter your results on the GBBC website by clicking "Submit Observations" on the home page.** Or download the free **GBBC BirdLog app** to enter data on a mobile device. If you already participate in the eBird citizen-science project, please use eBird to submit your sightings during the GBBC. Your checklists will count toward the GBBC

Interest Survey for a Field Trip to Flathead Valley, Nine Pipes NWR, Montana

This is a tentative trip for March 13-14. We would stay one night at the Ninepipe Lodge. This would be a two-day trip to observe the courtship displays of Short-eared Owls, and view spring arrivals on the refuge. Please let Kris Buchler know if you are interested in going eagleroost@roadrunner.com or call 664-4739.



FIELD TRIPS 2014

Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule.

Additional field trips will be added if we

have someone to lead them. Please contact our field trip coordinators Janet Callen 664-1085 and Roland Craft 457-8894 to suggest or volunteer to lead a trip.

Participants should contact the trip leader at least 24 hours in advance of the field trip to find out if the meeting place/time or destination has been changed. Participants will share in a mileage reimbursement for the driver

Mica Bay Survey

Date: February 10, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Shirley Sturts 664-5318 and Janet Callen 664-1085

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome. We will help you with identification skills.

Raptor Survey

Date: February 14, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Hayden Albertsons

Leader: Doug Ward 762-7107

We drive a set route across the Rathdrum P
Activity: rairie and record hawk species and numbers. This is a regional survey being coordinated by the East Cascades Audubon Society. Please join in the survey and help spot hawks. Beginners are welcome. This is an excellent way to learn hawk identification. The survey takes around 2-3 hours. Bring water and snacks if you wish.

GREAT BACK YARD BIRDING COUNT (GBBC)

Dates: February 14, Saturday

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meet: Fernan Ranger Station

Leader: Lisa Hardy

Activity: As part of the GBBC (February 13-16), we will bird NIC beach, Cougar Bay, and Honeysuckle Beach or other points in the Post

Falls-CDA-Hayden area. This is a 3/4 day trip.
If the weather is bad, we will go Sunday the 15th.

LINCOLN COUNTY, WA -- WINTER BIRDS

Date: February 21, Saturday

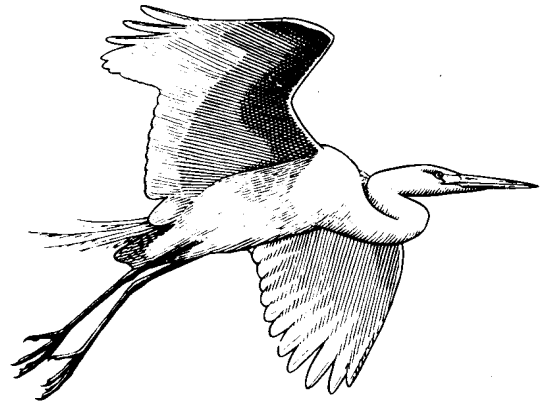
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Roland Craft 457-8894

Activity: This will be a full-day trip, bring lunch and water. We will travel the roads in the Davenport area in search of winter birds including Great Horned and Snowy Owls; Horned Larks and Snow Buntings.
in a mileage reimbursement for the driver

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