

THE FISH HAWK HERALD

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AUDUBON LOBBYIST

(Report from Ellen Scriven)

You can support the Audubon presence in the Idaho legislature. The Idaho Audubon Council has T-shirts with either a Mountain Bluebird or the IAC logo available for \$15. The proceeds help to keep a professional and reliable lobbyist in Boise representing the policies of the council and working to affect change in conservation related issues. Donations are also welcomed.

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CALENDAR CHECK

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. Leader: Susan Weller 682-3413

JAN. 16 SUNDAY FIELD TRIP: GULL IDENTIFICATION

Time: 8 AM for breakfast
(optional) 9 AM leave
Place: Rustler's Roost 819
Sherman Ave.

We will mainly be looking for and learning how to identify the various species of gulls that winter in the area. Areas covered will be the CdA City Beach including the Dike Road, the Landfill on Ramsey Road and the Landfill at Fighting Creek. Leaders: Dan Svingen and Shirley Sturts (664-5318)

JAN. 18 TUESDAY REGULAR MEETING

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Iron Horse
Program: The Coeur d'Alene Tribe will have a slide presentation.

(Calendar Check Continued)**JAN. 27 THURSDAY
DOELLEFELD RACE TRACK
HEARING**

Time: 6 PM

Place: Kootenai County Court House, court Room 1

This is a hearing before the planning and zoning hearing examiner on a permit to build race track at Stateline with a 400 car parking lot. Mr. Doellefeld is asking for the permit after completing a good portion of the project. He needs to address several environmental concerns (including building on Upland Sandpiper habitat). For more information contact Larry Collier at the Planning and Zoning Building. The Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society is writing a letter expressing their concern over the environmental issues of this project.

**JAN. 28 FRIDAY
WATCHABLE WILDLIFE
SLIDE SHOW**

Time: 7 PM

Place: Seiter Hall NIC

Tim Christie will show slides on photographing watchable wildlife. There will be give away items as well as items for sale concerning watchable wildlife. This program is sponsored by the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Nongame Advisory Committee.

**FEB. 6 SUNDAY
FIELD TRIP: HAWK
IDENTIFICATION**

Time: 9 AM

Place: Ward's Parking Lot S.E. corner

This is a half day trip on the Rathdrum Prairie to check out hawk and owl species.

Leader: Shirley Sturts 664-5318

**CONSERVATION TIPS**

by Ellen Scriven

Did you know that when we buy \$10 worth of food, \$1 of it pays for the packaging. The amount spent on food packaging in this country is more than the country's farmers receive in net income. Packaging accounts for a whopping one third of the waste we produce. When Shopping, look for products in the simplest packaging. When possible, buy in larger quantities to reduce packaging. Better yet shop at stores and order from distributors that sell in bulk and where you can, use and re-use your own containers.

Christmas Bird Count Participants:

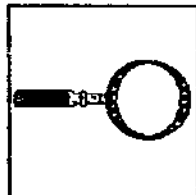
Jane Badraun, Pam Gontz, Gertie Hanson, Wes Hanson, Eula Hickman, Bob Hughes, Dan Odette, Susan Odette, Larry Peters, Scott Reed, Roberta Rich, Ronn Rich, Herb Severtson, Jan Severtson, Shirley Sturts, Dan Svingen, Ila Svingen, Susan Weller, Faye Wright, Roger Young.

Our thanks to Herb and Jan Severtson for hosting a potluck after the count.

**Look for the results of the Harrison CBC in February

OBSERVATION POST

Observers: Earl Chapin (EC), Christmas Bird Count (CBC), Mike Denev (MD) Kas Dumroese (KD), Dave Holick (DH) John Roberson (JR) Shirley Sturts (SHS), Herb and Jan Severtson (HS,JS) Dan Svingen (DNS) Ila Svingen (ICS) Janet and Greg Torline (JT,GT) Susan Weller (SW)



Yellow-Billed Loon 1 12/18/93 Bottle Bay, Pend Oreille Lake (EC,CBC)

Merlin 1 12/22/93 St. Maries (DNS) 12/18/93 Cda city limits (DNS,CBC)

Prairie Falcon 1 12/18/93 Moscow-Pullman Airport and 1 on the Old Moscow Pullman Road(JR) 12/20/93 1 s. of Moscow (KD) Glaucous Gull 4 12/17/93 Landfill at

Fighting Creek (DNS)

Glaucous-winged Gull 2 (2nd winter) Cda Landfill at Fighting Cr. (DNS)

Glaucous-winged-Herring Hybrid 1 12/17/93 Cda Landfill at Fighting Cr. (DNS)

Snowy Owl 1 12/6/93 (RJ) 12/7/93 (AK) 12/18/93 (SHS,EH,CBC) Rathdrum Prairie

also 1 was seen on the Moscow-Pulman CBC 12/18/93 (KD)

Blue Jay 1 12/18/93 Moscow (KD,CBC), 12/22/93 1 Moscow (DH)

Raven (Albino) 1 1st seen the last week in Nov. between Gotham and Turner Bay, CDA Lake (JT,GT) reported by neighbors as late as Dec. 13 probably still in the area

Bewick's Wren 1 12/18/93 Fernan Road east of lake (SW,CBC)

Gray Catbird 1 12/18/93 Blackwell Hill area (GH, CBC)

Rufous-sided Towhee 3-4 11/28/93 Fairmont Loop Rd (Spokane River) (HS,JS) also 1 wintering Heyburn State Park at Plummer Creek (DNS,ICS)

White-throated Sparrow 7 Walla Walla CBC (MD) and 1 12/28/93 Heyburn State Park (DNS, ICS, CBC)

Rosy Finch 12/16/93 (6) 12/18/93 (2) (JR) 12/21/93

(16)(KD) 12/23/93 (23) (DH) all north of Moscow at a feeder near the WA/ID sateline. The feeder is in WA but the birds are moving back and forth in both states.

THE CHRISTMAS BIRO COUNT

Species	1991	1992	1993				
Common Loon	-	-	1	Northern Pygmy-Owl	2	5	-
Pied-Billed Grebe	2	4	-	Short-eared owl	1	-	-
Horned Grebe	16	19	23	Belted Kingfisher	5	4	1
Red-Necked Grebe	5	17	10	Downy Woodpecker	9	16	3
Western Grebe	9	3	2	Hairy Woodpecker	10	16	5
Great Blue Heron	4	6	4	Northern Flicker	30	20	30
Canada Goose	455	924	559	Pileated Woodpecker	3	1	-
Wood Duck	1	-	2	Gray Jay	1	2	-
Mallard	395	360	312	Steller's Jay	6	7	4
American Wigeon	-	-	10	Clark's Nutcracker	3	1	-
Canvasback	-	1	1	Black-billed Magpie	51	26	30
Ring-necked Duck	35	30	29	American Crow	31	35	96
Lesser Scaup	-	-	6	Common Raven	48	143	52
Oidsquaw	6	1	-	Black-c Chickadee	168	110	24
Common Goldeneye	72	84	40	Mountain Chickadee	27	93	12
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	2	2	Chestnut-b chickadee	13	18	6
Bufflehead	107	40	67	Red-b Nuthatch	76	61	69
Hooded Merganser	23	43	18	White-b Nuthatch	-	-	2
Common Merganser	53	74	93	Pygmy Nuthatch	20	23	43
Red-b Merganser	-	-	2	Brown Creeper	1	5	5
Ruddy Duck	-	-	1	Bewick's Wren	-	-	1
Bald Eagle	3	8	2	Winter Wren	-	1	-
Northern Harrier	1	-	4	American Dipper	-	2	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	3	-	Golden-c Kinglet	6	20	37
Cooper's Hawk	-	1	-	Townsend's Solitaire	2	1	-
Red-tailed Hawk	6	1	16	American Robin	273	-	108
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1	20	Varied Thrush	-	-	1
American Kestrel	1	1	6	Gray Catbird	-	-	1
Merlin	-	-	1	Bohemian Waxwing	285	-	70
Gray Partridge	-	46	-	Northern Shrike	7	7	4
Ring-necked pheasant	21	18	5	European Starling	123	609	1158
Blue Grouse	-	2	-	Song Sparrow	16	43	13
Ruffed Grouse	1	2	1	Dark-eyed Junco	192	69	84
Wild Turkey	25	-	8	Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	15
California Quail	30	45	6	Pine Grosbeak	-	13	2
American Coot	3	-	5	Cassin's Finch	39	2	-
Ring-billed Gull	1077	311	125	House Finch	330	635	151
California Gull	52	85	32	Red-Crossbill	10	-	37
Herring Gull	562	154	102	Common Redpoll	-	72	-
Thayer's Gull	1	3	-	Pine Siskin	306	285	4
Glaucous Gull	2	1	2	American Goldfinch	135	122	35
Gull (sp.)	252	1161	-	Evening Grosbeak	134	28	36
Rock Dove	150	-	48	House Sparrow	38	5	151
Mourning Dove	1	44	3				
Snowy Owl	-	-	1	Total Species	66	66	70
				Total Individuals	5787	6040	4046

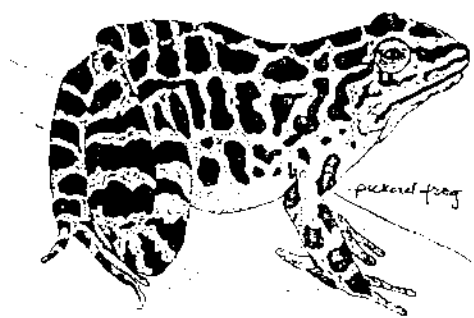


National Audubon Society 1994 Ecology Workshops for Adults

Learning Vacations that focus on Nature and Conservation

Winter and Spring:

- Wolf Ecology Workshop: February 19-26, 1994
- Venezuela Photography Workshop: February 5-13, 1994
- Death Valley Ecology Workshop: April 9-16, 1994
- Yosemite Photography Workshop: April 23-29, 1994
- Southeast Arizona Ecology Workshop: May 21-28, 1994



Summer:

- Yellowstone Ecosystem, Endangered Species Workshop: June 11-18, 1994
- Field Ornithology in Maine: June 1994
- Wind River Mountain Ecology Workshops: week-long sessions mid June-August
- Olympic Peninsula Ecology Workshop: July 9-16, 1994
- Boundary Waters Wilderness Area Ecology Workshop: August 20-27, 1994
- Maine Coast Field Ecology week-long sessions July-August
- Ecology Workshop in Connecticut week-long sessions July-August

Fall programs:

- Boundary Waters Wilderness Area Ecology Workshop: September 10-17, 1994
- Big Bend Ecology Workshop: September 17-24, 1994
- Southwest Canyonlands Ecology Workshop: October 1-8, 1994
- Badlands, Black Hills and Lands of the Lakota Sioux: October 22-29, 1994

Photography Workshops:

- Venezuela Photography Workshop: February 5-13, 1994
- Yosemite Photography Workshop: April 23-29, 1994
- Yellowstone and Grand Teton Nature Photography Workshop: June 17-26 1994



International Workshops:

- Venezuela Photography Workshop: March 5-13 '94
- Costa Rica Ecology Workshop: March 16-26 '94
- Trinidad Ecology Workshop: June 1994

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