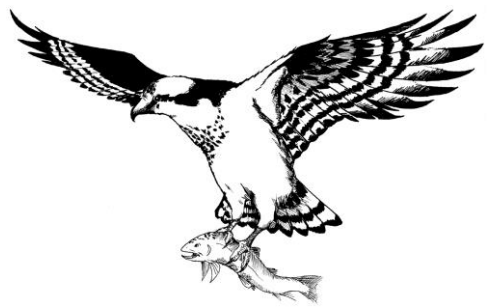


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JANUARY PROGRAM

DATE: January 13, Tuesday

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Kathy Cousins, Mitigation
Staff Biologist for Northern Idaho at
the Idaho Department of Fish and Game
PROGRAM: "Restoration effort underway
for the Clark Fork River delta, located on
Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho
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restoration effort underway for the Clark

Fork River delta, located on Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho. The need for the restoration work is due to the operation of a couple of dams in the watershed. Extensive bank erosion has occurred to islands and shorelines in the Clark Fork River delta, resulting from wave action and water level fluctuations of Lake Pend Oreille due to the operation of the Albeni Falls dam. This erosion has resulted in losses of soil, native riparian and wetland vegetation, as well as the quantity and quality of fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, about 15 - 25 percent of all habitat loss in the delta is attributed to the operation of the Cabinet Gorge dam located upstream on the Clark Fork River.

President's Message

Eula Hickam

Kathy Cousins, Mitigation Staff Biologist for Northern Idaho at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will present a program on the

Katherine graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1987, earning her bachelor of science (honors) in marine biology in 1991, and her masters in animal physiology in 1995. After graduating, she accepted a three-year position with the University of Hawaii, studying the cardiovascular physiology of tuna and broadbill swordfish. This work eventually

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President's Message

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led to her work for NOAA Fisheries and the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council as a Protected Species Coordinator. During her years with NOAA Fisheries and the Council, she specialized in developing programs for fishermen to reduce interactions between fishing operations and albatross, sea turtles and marine mammals. She also worked with national and international agencies and organizations to find ways to reduce marine pollution and invasive species.

Katherine began her career with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 2004, as the Mitigation Staff Biologist for Northern Idaho. She currently works to implement wildlife mitigation for the construction and inundation of the Albeni Falls Dam.

Don't miss this interesting program!

Coming Programs

Members and friends have been passing on great ideas for programs. So here's the schedule for the rest of the season.

February - Janet Callen and Darlene Carlton - Birds of Africa, in particular Botswana.

March - Phil Cooper (Idaho Fish and Game) - Wildlife Law Enforcement.

April - Hummingbirds - Jessica Pollock (research biologist with the Intermountain Bird Observatory at Boise State University)

May - Idie Ulsh - Feathered Architects - The Fascinating World of Bird Nests

June - Audubon Picnic.

We're also going to hold the first Birdathon Event for the club and the third Migratory Bird day. You won't want to miss any of these!



Committee Chair: Lynn Sheridan

Saturday, March 21st is the date for the sale. It will be held in the meeting room at the Lutheran Church of the Masters where we hold our monthly meetings. The weather will not be a factor to worry about.

Your donated items are to be brought to the meeting room on Friday the 20th after 4 pm to be sorted and priced. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with setting up the sale

Highlights of the 24th Year of the Coeur D'Alene Christmas Bird Count

Shirley Sturts



Northern Pygmy Owl
Photograph by Darlene Carlton

- Best Birds: First time species on our count: : Anna's Hummingbird (1 immature, 1 female) and 1 White-throated Sparrow - both at the feeder of Doug Ward
 - 2nd Best Birds: Greater Scaup (1st time on count day - on count week in 2011) on Hayden Lake by Doug Ward, Bill Gundlach and Andrea Wilkey - Lesser Black-backed Gull (1st time on count day - we had 1 for count week the last 2 years) - found on City Beach area by Lisa Hardy, and Nick and Chayanne Risch - a Spotted Towhee was found by Judy Waring, Valerie Zagar, Darlene Carlton, Lynn Sheridan, and Mary Deasy
 - The only Barrow's Goldeneye and 1 of 2 Long-tailed Ducks and the only Evening Grosbeak (2) were found by Carrie and Iva Hugo, Roland Craft, and Linda Chalcraft
 - A record high number for Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks (50 and 25) were counted - Most found (28 ad 17) by Janet Callen, Cathy Mohns, Midge Marcy-Brennan and Jim Brennen. Of the 15 American Kestrel, 6 were found by Shirley Sturts, Jan Severtson, Theresa Potts and Mike Blackbird, Four other teams also found kestrels
 - Eurasian Collared-Dove increase in number every year - this year 128 were counted by 4 teams - first added to the count in 2009 when a flock of 6 were found on the prairie
- 82 species plus 3 count week birds - putting us in 1st place for the number of species seen on count day (The last record 73 species in 2003, 2007, 2012)
 - 8050 individual birds - 9th highest number (10,283 individual birds in 2012)
 - 23 birders in the field on 6 teams plus 7 feeder counters - drove 369 miles and walked 5.75 miles



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Christmas Bird Count Highlights

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- Nick Risch and Doug Ward started the count day at 5 am hoping to add some owls to the count. Nick added our only Great Horned Owl to the count - 2 Northern Pygmy Owls were also found during the regular count by two different teams. -Darlene Carlton with her camera always at the ready got us nice photo of one of these
- Of the feeder watchers Rob and Nancy Kroese had the highest number of species (15) including the only Hairy Woodpecker - Kazue Krumpelman had 12 species at her feeder and reported the only Cooper's Hawk for our count - Del and Corinne Cameron were the only ones to have Pine Siskin at their feeder - Mary Vanderbilt had the highest number of Wild Turkeys (58) and the only feeder watcher to have a Pacific Wren - One of our feeder watchers, Diane Dalenberg, added a Red-tailed Hawk while walking her dog - of the 6 Dark-eyed Juncos in his yard, John Weber picked out one that was a Slate-colored
- See the result of our count on our Website
<http://cdaudubon.org/Projects/cdacbc.html> and
<http://cdaudubon.org/Projects/cdacbcchart2.html>

YARD LIST

Doug Ward



Most birders I know like to list. We've got our life lists, ABA list, State lists, county lists, trip lists, day lists, heck, I even have an "office window" list. But for many of us, it is the Yard List which can be

the most fun. It is the place where we spend most of our time and every so often have one of those nice little surprises out the kitchen window as we are doing the dishes which can make the day. We want to know what you've seen in your yard during 2014 and wish you good luck in 2015.

What you consider your yard is up to you. Some folks only keep track of what has actually landed in the yard, I count anything that can be seen or heard from the yard, while others broaden the view to their neighborhood or larger property if they own some land. So, whatever your definition is, we'd like to add your Yard List to our compilation. If you would like to send in your list, which we really hope you do, please email or "snail mail" me what you saw in your yard in 2014 and I will add it to the others and get the combined lists posted to the Coeur d'Alene Audubon website (under the "Projects").

Happy New Year and good yard birding in 2015

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: January 13, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Note time change)

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: January 17, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Hayden Albertsons

Leader: Doug Ward 762-7107

We drive a set route across the Rathdrum Prairie 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.

Raptor Learning Trip

Date: January 25, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m. (2-3 hour trip)

Meet: Hayden Albertsons

Leader: Doug Ward 762-7107

Registration with Doug required so he knows how many to plan for. Also date and meeting location could change.

Christmas Bird Counts

Indian Mountain CBC

Date: January 3, Saturday

Compiler: Don Heikkila 659-3389 -

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Spirit Lake CBC

Date: January 5, Monday

Compiler: Shirley Sturts 664-5318

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