

# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## JANUARY PROGRAM

DATE: January 12, Tuesday  
PLACE: Lutheran Church of the Master,  
4800 N. Ramsey, CDA  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PROGRAM: "That Indomitable Hellcat",  
Rosalie Edge and the Founding of Hawk  
Mountain Raptor Sanctuary.  
SPEAKER: Suzanne Marshall, a new  
member, will be the presenter. She  
volunteered at the sanctuary when she  
lived in Bethlehem, PA.

Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania was the first raptor sanctuary in the U.S founded during the Great Depression years to save the birds from hunters. Today Hawk Mountain provides education, research, and advocacy for birds of prey throughout the world.

The talk will focus on the founding of the sanctuary and the work of New York socialite turned conservationist, Rosalie Edge. She was involved in the development of other parks in the U.S. as well, such as Kings Canyon in California, but was left out of many histories until recently. .

## Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant Awarded

Eula Hickam



The Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society has received a \$2,050 grant from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation to purchase a laptop, projector and software for our group! Isn't that exciting? Thanks to Carrie Hugo and Janet Callen for gathering the information to compile the grant request.

The board members have realized for a long time that we should have our own equipment and not depend on others to supply it. So, now we can purchase this. A committee will be formed to complete this task.

The equipment will be useful not only for monthly programs, but also to create

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## ...Grant Awarded

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Thank you all for your support of the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society! Those of us on the Board really appreciate the many members and friends who attend the monthly meetings and join in other activities as well. I'm looking forward to the events of the months ahead.



Photo by Jan Severtson

## The President's Report

Eula Hickam

2015 has been a great year for the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society! Here are some of the highlight:

- January: Kathy Cousins presented an update on the restoration in the Clark Fork Delta.
- February: Janet and Darlene shared wonderful pictures of a birding trip to South America.
- March: Phil Cooper reviewed wildlife law enforcement in our area.

- April: Jessica Pollock presented an outstanding program on banding hummingbirds.
- May: Idie Ulsh presented a program "Feathered Architects", about the nesting and other habits of birds.
- June: We took a hiatus from monthly meetings for the summer, but gathered together at the Mica Bay picnic site for a potluck barbecue.
- September: We began the fall season with a program by Ken Crawley, a bee keeper in the hills above Cataldo.
- October: Larry Schwitters presented "Vaux's Happening", a fast-paced ongoing project to identify the Vaux's Swift's communal migratory roost sites in North America.
- November: Andrienne Cronebaugh, Executive Director of Kootenai Environmental Alliance, updated us on the progress of efforts to remediate Hayden Lake.
- December: Janet Callen, Carrie Hugo and Kris Buchler coordinated to present an outstanding program on Winter Bird Identification.

We've had such a great year. Thanks to all who have helped with our programs and in so many other ways as well! Let's look forward to 2016.

## Books For Tots

We collected 34 Children's books. They were turned over to the organizer Linda Rohlinger and distributed by Toys for Tots.

Linda writes the following:

"Thank you Audubon members. Because of people like you, Books For Tots is now distributing four brand new books to each child in need. What a blessing! Thank you so much. Your books were wonderful and we are deeply grateful to you."

"With gratitude, Linda Rohlinger"



Our Three  
Bluebird Trails  
Shirley Sturts

I have been involved in bluebird trails for 30 some years and I think it is time to turn over the reins to someone else. Starting in the 2016 nesting season, I will no longer organize checking the boxes or enter the nesting information in Cornell's "Nest Watch" program. I will help anyone who wants to take over the job. I will also teach anyone how to enter information into the "Nest Watch" if they wish to do this.

A big "Thank You" to all of you who helped with checking boxes. A special thanks to Roland Craft who not only did a good share of checking boxes but kept the boxes in good repair and was responsible for replacing all the boxes torn down with new fencing on the Mica Flats Trail. Also thanks

to Rob and Nancy Kroese who not only took turns doing Hoo Doo but took charge of doing Mica Bay and Mica Flats Bluebird Trail.

## Spirit Lake CBC Shirley Sturts

I am also ready to retire from being the compiler of the Spirit Lake CBC and helping to organize the Indian Mt. CBC. I will continue to organize and compile the CDA CBC



## Overwintering Hummingbird New Study

From the Intermountain Bird Observatory  
e\_newsletter December 2015

by: Heidi Ware and Jessica Pollock

The Anna's Hummingbird began expanding its original range of northwestern Mexico and southwestern California into Arizona during the 1930's, then was documented breeding as far North as British Columbia by the 1970's, and had its first reported sighting in Idaho in 1976. Presently, these incredible little birds are being observed annually throughout the Idaho panhandle and

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## Overwintering Hummingbird

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Southwestern Idaho. Sightings reported on ebird.com suggest that the range expansion is continuing, and we would like to document the progress of this population growth.

Our goal is to build upon birdwatchers' documentation of winter feeder observations by trapping and tagging the hummers. These efforts will help provide more detailed information that would otherwise be limited through feeder observation only. Though the project's main focus is the occurrence of Anna's Hummingbirds in Idaho, we will also be documenting observations of any hummingbirds seen throughout the winter. Once tagged, not only will the dedicated birdwatcher be able to document feeder presence, but also report on return visits from color-marked birds.

As we begin to launch this new exciting study on the range expansion of the Anna's Hummingbird, we invite you to join us in these collaborative efforts. If you would like more information on how you can contribute, please follow this link: <http://ibo.boisestate.edu/winter-hummers/> Here you will find all you need to know on how to document your observations, winter feeding tips, ways to identify the hummers, as well as other FAQ's. We will be collecting data from October 2015-March

2016. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [IBO@boisestate.edu](mailto:IBO@boisestate.edu) ,For additional information, please visit the [Anna's Hummingbird page](#) on Cornell's "All About Birds" website.

## Coeur d'Alene Christmas Bird Count



### Shirley Sturts

It was great having 28 birders turn out for our count on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We divided up into 7 teams which gave us good coverage of our area. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of this count which was started by Susan Weller at the same time that she formed the Coeur D'Alene Audubon Chapter.

Some our best birds are as follows:

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** -1<sup>st</sup> time on count but 2 times during count week.

**Anna's Hummingbird** - 1 at Doug Ward's feeder - 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the count - 2 last yr.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** - Six, 1<sup>st</sup> showed up in 2009. They increased to 169 this year,

**Pine Grosbeak** - 10 on Tubbs Hill.

See results on our Webpage at:

<http://cdaudubon.org/Projects/cdacbc.html>

and

<http://cdaudubon.org/Projects/cdacbcchart2.html>

## Yard Lists

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** - Time to turn in your personal Yard List totals for 2015 to: Doug Ward, [dougward@frontier.com](mailto:dougward@frontier.com) and to start your 2016 list.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

**February 12-15, 2016**

<http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>

## FIELD TRIPS

### Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** January 12, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month) - times vary

**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

### Rathdrum Prairie Hawk Survey

Surveys will take place once a month from November through March. Doug Ward is the leader. This two hour, fast-paced journey across the prairie is a learning experience that is a lot of fun. Limited to one car - call Doug to reserve a spot. 208 699-9327

### Indian Mountain CBC

Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Organizers: Shirley Sturts (west side of circle) Janet Callen (east side of circle) Call either Shirley 664-5318 or Janet 664-1085 for time and meeting place.

## Spirit Lake CBC

Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**Meet** for breakfast Country Boy Café in Athol at 7:00 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to join your team. Compiling and Pizza Party about 4:30 p.m. **Where:** Janet Callen's home **RSVPS:** Janet 664-1085 or email, [jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com](mailto:jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com). Please bring money to share the cost of the pizza and something to add to a green salad (greens will be provided). Hot tea will be provided. Bring whatever else you want to drink.

### Pend Oreille River, Lake and Priest River

**Date:** February 6, Saturday 2016

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Meet:** K-Mart parking lot, south side.

**Leader:** Bill Gundlach 755-2378

This will be a full-day trip. Bring lunch and water. Target birds are primarily waterfowl and eagles.

### Lincoln County Winter Bird Trip

**Date:** February 20, Saturday 2016

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Meet:** K-Mart parking lot, south side.

**Leader:** Roland Craft 457-8894

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.

## Help Wanted!

**Someone to lead a trip or two in March**

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