

# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## January Program

**Date:** January 14, Tuesday

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

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** George Sayler



### Program:

#### "Tubbs Hill"

The January program will feature a beloved local landmark: Tubbs Hill. George Sayler

will present a brief history of the geology of the hill, how it became public property, current issues facing the hill, and what is being done about them, and a review of plant and animal life found on the hill. The program will also briefly review the Tubbs Hill Foundation and the work it has been doing to protect Tubbs Hill. There will be photos taken by Art Manley, as well as photos from three other sources that will present images from Tubbs' past and present, and finally, a pictorial review of a year in the life of Tubbs Hill is included.



Blue Jay by Nancy Tully, PA. 2018 GBBC

## Great Backyard Bird Count

from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Website

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon

Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time.

Now, more than 160,000 people of all ages and walks of life worldwide join the four-day count each February to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds.

We invite you to participate! For at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, **February 14-17, 2020**, simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see. You can count from any location, anywhere in the world, for as long as you wish!

If you're new to the count, or have not participated since before the 2013 merger with eBird, you must [create a free online account](#) to enter your checklists.

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If you already have an account, just use the same login name and password. If you have already participated in another Cornell Lab citizen-science project, you can use your existing login information, too.

[Click here for more info on how to get started.](#)

In 2019, Great Backyard Bird Count participants in more than 100 countries counted more than 6,800 species of birds on more than 200,000 checklists!

During the count, you can explore what others are seeing in your area or around the world. Share your bird photos by entering the photo contest, or enjoy images pouring in from across the globe. You can even add photos and sounds to your checklist. [Read more.](#)

Your help is needed every year to make the GBBC successful!

Then [keep counting throughout the year with eBird](#), which uses the same system as the Great Backyard Bird Count to collect, store, and display data any time, all the time.

## Why count birds?

Scientists and bird enthusiasts can learn a lot by knowing where the birds are. Bird populations are dynamic; they are constantly in flux. No single scientist or team of scientists could hope to document and understand the complex distribution and

movements of so many species in such a short time.

Scientists use information from the Great Backyard Bird Count, along with observations from other citizen-science projects, such as the [Christmas Bird Count](#), [Project FeederWatch](#), and [eBird](#), to get the "big picture" about what is happening to bird populations. The longer these data are collected, the more meaningful they become in helping scientists investigate far-reaching questions, like these:

- How will the weather and climate change influence bird populations?
- Some birds, such as winter finches, appear in large numbers during some years but not others. Where are these species from year to year, and what can we learn from these patterns?
- How will the timing of birds' migrations compare with past years?
- How are bird diseases, such as West Nile virus, affecting birds in different regions?
- What kinds of differences in bird diversity are apparent in cities versus suburban, rural, and natural areas?

*The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Birds Canada and many international partners. The Great Backyard Bird Count is powered by [eBird](#). The count is made possible in part by founding sponsor [Wild Birds Unlimited](#).*



## Fall and Winter Bird Sightings

### Long-tailed Duck

- 1 pair -  
November 24 -

Spokane River off of the Dike Road -  
Michael Woodruff - November 30 same  
general area - Carl Lundblad 1 - and 1  
female or immature - December 14 - Hayden  
Lake - CDA CBC Team: Lisa Hardy, Roger  
Doucet, Chris Caudill, Vickie Potts

Harlequin Duck - 2 ( 1 male and 1 immature  
male or a female ) - December 15 -  
Clearwater River - Pump Station Overlook -  
Nez Perce - Carl Lundblad, Kas Dumrose and  
several others

Red-breasted Merganser - 2 - November  
30 - Spokane River off of the Dike Road -  
Carl Lundblad

Yellow-billed Loon - 1 - Dec. 10 - Wolf  
Lodge Bay, CDA Lake - Jon Isacoff - Jon  
thinks it is likely the same bird that was  
seen last month at Heyburn State Park

Lesser Black-backed Gull - 1 adult -  
November 24 - CDA City Beach - Michael  
Woodruff and December 23 - Harrison  
Slough - Bob Kemp

Glaucous Gull - 1st year - November 24 -  
CDA City Beach - Michael Woodruff

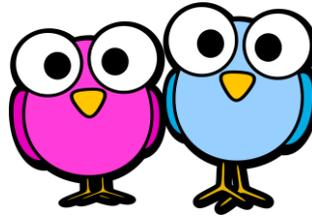
Herring Gull - raft of at a distance -  
November 24 - CDA City Beach - Michael  
Woodruff

Mew Gull - 1 - December 10 - Blackwell  
Island - Jon Isacoff and December 25 -  
Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake - Doug Ward

Anna's Hummingbird - December 26 - 1  
male adult - yard feeder Loch Haven Hayden  
- Doug Ward (this is the 6<sup>th</sup> winter in a row

that Doug has hosted an Anna's at his  
feeder - this is the first date it has showed  
up)

Rusty Blackbird - 1 - December 10 -  
Heyburn State Park - Plummer Marsh area -  
Jon Isacoff



## Trips and Activities

### Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** January 14, Tuesday (Held 2nd  
Tuesday of each month - times vary  
depending on the month)

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Meet:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**Leader:** Janet Callen (208) 664-1085

**Activity:** We spend about 3 hours once a  
month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner  
birders are welcome.

### Rathdrum Prairie Hawk Survey

**Date:** Done once a month November through  
March - Day and time vary - it takes about 3  
hours

**Leader:** Doug Ward

**Activity:** a specific route is followed on  
roads covering Rathdrum Prairie. For safety  
reasons only one car is used for the survey.  
If interested in going, call Doug to reserve a  
space. 208 762-7107 Or his cell 208 699-  
9327

### Indian Mountain Christmas Bird Count

**Date:** January 5, Sunday

**Leader:** Lisa Hardy

**Sign up** - call Lisa (480) 522-6056 email  
99basalt@gmail.com

**Area covered** - Harrison n, St. Maries,  
Heyburn State Park to Spokane Point

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