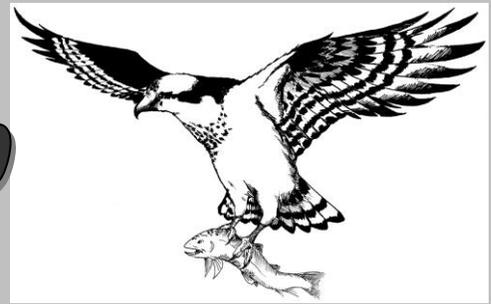


# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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## COMING EVENTS BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** March 11, Tuesday  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Mountain West Bank  
125 Ironwood Dr.

## MARCH PROGRAM

**DATE:** March 17, Monday  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** First Presbyterian Church, 521  
Lakeside  
**PROGRAM:** " The Alaska Wilderness: an  
Alternative Life "  
**SPEAKER:** Steve Alleman. Steve is a  
biology teacher who taught in Campbell,  
CA. About 1970 he dropped out, moved  
to the Alaska wilderness north of the  
Arctic Circle with his wife and daughter,  
built a cabin, and has lived there ever  
since. (Now he winters in Bonners Ferry  
and lectures at colleges for cash).

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## ABA AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CENTENNIAL

Reprint from "The Bird Conservationist", (an electronic Newsletter from ABA, American Birding Association) Volume 1, Issue 1.

The USFWS refuge system is getting ready for its Centennial. The specific date is 14 March 2003, exactly 100 years after President Theodore Roosevelt established Pelican Island in Florida as the first federally-recognized refuge, but the refuge system will celebrate all year. During this past year, we at ABA worked dutifully with our colleagues among the 19 other core groups in CARE (Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement) to get adequate funds from Congress for the refuge system, in order for the system to face the challenges of its second century. We had hoped that a minimum of \$100 million increase for 2003 would lead to a series of additional increases over the next few years so that the system's \$2 billion backlog in operations and maintenance could start to be seriously addressed. No such luck. Instead, it looks like the system will get less than a \$60 million increase for 2003, although the appropriations process has yet to be finished in the post-Labor-Day cluster of Congressional activities.

Birders use refuges heavily, and a number of our ABA members are involved in "Friends" groups associated with individual refuges. Thus, we are all too aware of the absence of funding for monitoring, invasive-species-removal, and visitor interpretation, to name just a few areas of birder concern.

As we get into the Refuge Centennial year, these issues will come up repeatedly. They will surely appear again in this E-newsletter.

## First Wildlife Refuge Celebrated With Issuance of New Postage Stamp

Press Release from the United States Postal Service

Next month the United States Postal Service will issue a new commemorative postage stamp celebrating the centennial of the creation of Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, which also marks the beginning of the National Wildlife Refuge system. The Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge postage stamp will be issued at a 10:00 a.m. ceremony on March 14 at Riverview Park in Sebastian, Fla., 32958. The issuance ceremony will be part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's year-long Centennial Celebration and Festival that will also include a flag ceremony, exhibits, a time capsule dedication, live music and boat and kayak tours of the island.

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## BIRD TRACKS



**Audubon Members make a difference**

### WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED

Wild Birds Unlimited is donating 10% of their sales from Audubon members to our Audubon Chapter. This is a "win-win" situation. It benefits our Audubon Chapter and it encourages members to try the Wild Birds Unlimited products. If you have been in the store you know their products are all first class. There are some great gift items as well as good quality seed, feeders, bird baths and other useful items for backyard bird watching.

The Wild Birds Unlimited store is at 296 W. Sunset Ave. #22, Coeur d'Alene. When you go there be sure to identify yourself as an Audubon member so that our chapter gets credit.

Thank you Irv and Helen Stephenson, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, for your contribution to our chapter and for providing quality bird products and friendly service.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUDUBON GARAGE SALE:** This is our major fundraiser for the year. Last year we earned \$941.43. **Teresa Potts, (765-0229)** has volunteered to host the garage sale again. **Jan Severtson (667-2909)** will be co-chairing the event. It will be held Saturday, June 7. Please save your discards for our sale. In June we will need volunteers to help set up on Friday and on Saturday to sell and clean up.

### AUDUBON'S ADOPT A HIGHWAY

We have adopted a two mile stretch of highway 95 on the south side of Mica grade, mile 421 to 423. The road cleaning will take place once in the spring and once in the fall. If you are interested in lending a hand, **Please contact Judy Waring 765-5378 [judnpjil@lycos.com](mailto:judnpjil@lycos.com)** Spring is just around the corner!

### FIELD TRIPS:

Do you know a interesting place to go birding? Sign up with **Lisa Hardy 682-4808, [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net)** to organize and lead a field trip. Don't feel you need to be an expert birder to lead a trip. The group that goes with you can work together to identify the birds. It can be fun to figure out what you are looking at rather than have a leader tell you.

### EDUCATION:

The Education Committee has prepared three "ready to use" programs that are now available for presentations. These include: "The Gertrude Hanson Memorial Bluebird Trail", "Local Feeder Birds" and "Bird Adaptations". Janet Callen and Kris Buchler presented the adaptation program to two third grade classes at Sunnyside Elementary School in January. We would like to welcome Steve Dryden as a committee member. He is a retired park ranger who wants to share his interpretive experience with us by presenting programs to area schools and organizations. We would love to have more volunteers in this endeavor. If you don't feel qualified to be the presenter, we still enjoy having assistants to help out. We want you! **KrisBuchler For information, call or email 664-4739 [ekaerie@msn.com](mailto:ekaerie@msn.com).**

**CONSERVATION:** Work on issues of local interest - for information call **Dick Cripe 665-0010**

**BIRD SURVEYS:** We are involved in several surveys: **For information, call or email Kris Buchler 664-4739 [ekaerie@msn.com](mailto:ekaerie@msn.com) or Shirley Sturts 664-5318 [s.sturts@verizon.net](mailto:s.sturts@verizon.net)**

BBS - Breeding Bird Surveys are done for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To do these you need to have good hearing and be able to identify birds by sight and sound. To become qualified start off by going along as an assistant and use tapes to learn the calls. Our chapter has a training CD and some tapes to get you started learning the calls.

Important Birding Areas survey. We do these once a month for Idaho Fish and Game. Each survey will take about 2 hours.

Mica Bay Survey - we have adopted Mica Bay as part of Idaho Fish and Game Adopt a Wetland Program. We survey informally twice a month.

Black-backed Woodpecker Survey - a spring survey done for the U.S. Forest Service.



**"If I were to make a study of the tracks of animals and represent them by plates, I should conclude with the tracks of man"**

*Henry David Thoreau*

# MARCH FIELD TRIPS

## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

1. Please register with the leader ahead of time.
  - a. It helps the leader plan the trip.
  - b. You will be informed if the trip time or location is changed or if the trip is canceled.
2. Fees: (to paid to the driver of the car) \$5.00 - all day trips \$3.00 - 1/2 day trips.
3. We sometimes use radios to communicate between cars. If the radios are used we are asking participants to contribute \$1.00 toward batteries.

## MICA BAY SURVEY

**DATES:** March 10 and 24 , Mondays

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. March 10 and 12 Noon March 24

**MEET:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**LEADERS:** Shirley Sturts, 664-5318

**ACTIVITY:** We spend about 3 hours twice a month counting birds in the Mica Bay area. Beginner birders are encouraged and welcome to join us.

## BROWN BAG BIRDING TRIP

**DATE:** March 11, Tuesday

**TIME:** 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

**MEET:** Independence Point, City Beach

**LEADER:** Lynn Sheridan (leave messages for Lynn with Kris Buchler 664-4739)

**ACTIVITY:** We will look for unusual gulls and other feathered friends along City Beach.

## HALF-DAY HIKE

**DATE:** March 8, Saturday

**TIME:** 7:30 a.m.

**MEET:** Carpool @ Fernan Ranger Station parking lot just east of Sherman Ave. I-90 exit

**LEADER:** Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net)

**ACTIVITY:** We will take a hike in the Coeur d'Alene area, the exact location dependent upon weather conditions. Be prepared to hike 3 or 4 miles. We will look for early spring migrants, as well as newly vocal residents. The back-up plan in case of inclement weather will be car birding the Wolf Lodge Bay and Creek area.

## OWL TRIP

This is an evening owl trip in the Coeur d'Alene Forest, tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 14. Because the trip is dependent on weather conditions, please sign-up with Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net), if you are interested, and you will then be updated on any schedule changes.

## BOUNDARY WMA

**DATE:** March 29, Saturday

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m.

**MEET:** carpool @ K-mart parking lot, behind Fast Burger

**LEADER:** Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net)

**ACTIVITY:** This is a full day trip to the state Wildlife Management Area (WMA) north of Bonner's Ferry on the international border. The fields of the WMA are in the Kootenai River floodplain, and are allowed to flood seasonally, attracting migratory waterfowl. The migration should be near its peak this weekend. Wear walking shoes, dress for all weather possibilities, and bring a lunch and water.

See Future field trip dates on page 7

*To volunteer to lead a trip or to suggest places to go, call or email Lisa Hardy 682-4808 or [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net)*

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"This new commemorative stamp helps the Postal Service mark a milestone in the history of wildlife conservation in America," said Patrick R. Donahoe, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, U.S. Postal Service, who will dedicate the stamp. "This stamp will provide Americans with an opportunity to learn more about our natural resources and encourage people to help preserve the beauty and majesty of American wildlife."

"It is truly an honor to have the Postal Service recognize the birth of America's National Wildlife Refuge System through this commemorative stamp," said Steve Williams, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Enthusiasm for the stamp has spread across the country, as hundreds of dedication ceremonies for the Pelican Island stamp will be hosted on refuges from Maine to Alaska over the coming months." Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and member of the National Wildlife Refuge Centennial Commission, will be the emcee for this ceremony. Joining Donahoe and Hanna will be Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior; Steven Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Roy Disney, brother of Walt Disney and Pete Captain, District Manager, Central Florida District, Postal Service.

Established on March 14, 1903, by executive order of President Theodore Roosevelt, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was the first official wildlife refuge in the United States. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in 1903 Pelican Island was "the last breeding ground for brown

pelicans along the entire east coast of Florida."

Today, in addition to the three acres of Pelican Island, the refuge also encompasses 5,377 acres consisting largely of submerged land, mangrove islands, marshes and maritime hammocks (raised, fertile areas usually occupied by hardwood vegetation). Hundreds of species of birds, fish, plants and mammals live within the refuge, including some that have been listed by the federal government as threatened or endangered.

The National Wildlife Refuge System encompasses more than 93 million acres across more than 570 national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts. At least one can be found in every state and U.S. territory.

The stamp features a photograph by James Brandt of a brown pelican. The other North American species of pelican, the American white pelican, can be found within the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge during winter. Carl T. Herrman was the art director for this stamp.

Text along the bottom of the stamp reads "Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge 1903-2003."

The following text appears on the back of the stamp: Established in Florida on March 14, 1903, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was the first official wildlife refuge in the United States. Its creation marked the beginning of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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**Owlers: Those who privately in the night carry wool to the seacoasts, near Rumny Marsh in Kent, and some creeks in Sussex, and ship it off for France against the law**

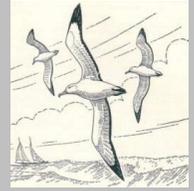
*-B E' Dictionary of the Canting Crew, 1699 - (Forgotten English)*

**EYE OF THE ALBATROSS**

a book review

By Lisa Hardy

I just finished reading Carl Safina's "Eye of the Albatross", and feel



sufficiently inspired to write a review of this thoughtful book. Safina presents the scientific basis for ocean conservation issues in the form of a highly readable personal narrative. We follow the travels of a transmitter-carrying Laysan Albatross as she forages across the open ocean for food for her chick, who awaits her on a tiny Pacific island. Along the way, we learn about ocean trash, the floating plastic objects that birds eat or become entangled in, and about abandoned fishing nets that drown sea turtles and mammals. And we learn about "bycatch", the mortality of birds, mammals, turtles and fish as a result of commercial fishing techniques. (Warning: the book will make you think twice about eating fish.)

This book will open your eyes to a world that few of us are familiar with, and while the author makes the familiar economic rationalizations, it is the beauty, complexity, and the wondrous ingenuity of this world that makes it worth saving. You will be left with a sense of hope in spite of the past and present-day atrocities. I recommend that you put yourself in Safina's expert hands, and take this journey. (see related fish article in the April newsletter)

***Eye of the Albatross, Carl Safina, 2002, Henry Holt & Company, New York***

## ALEUTIAN GOOSE FESTIVAL

A Celebration of Wildness  
March 21-24, 2003

Come join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Aleutian Goose Festival and celebrate the return of Spring and the world's population of Aleutian Canada Geese. Once on the Endangered Species List with only 800 birds, this magnificent goose now numbers 40,000+ and has joined the elite group of species that have recovered enough to be taken off of the endangered list. Our festival guests are treated to the sight of tens of thousands of these birds lifting off Castle Island at dawn filling the sky over the Pacific.

The 4-day festival, March 21-24, features 75 workshops and fieldtrips led by the best leaders in our region. Programs include; near shore ocean trips, pelagic trip, drift boats on the wild & scenic Smith River for birding, geology and redwood ecology, Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, fire ecology "Biscuit Fire", birding by kayak on Lake Earl coastal lagoon, Tolowa Native American Heritage, wildlife photography, optics by Swarovski, salmon and steelhead, and more.

Visit our web site [www.redwoodlink.com/soar](http://www.redwoodlink.com/soar) for a sampling of the programs and let us know if you wish to receive a registration booklet

**Contact: 140 Marine Way-  
Crescent City, California  
95531  
707-465-0888 ~ email  
[soar2@northcoast.com](mailto:soar2@northcoast.com)**

## A SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE RATHDRUM PRARIE

Lisa Hardy

Twelve Auduboners set out on February 9 to search for grassland specialties on the Rathdrum Prairie. As soon as we turned off of busy Hayden Lake Road onto Huetter Road, we spotted a pair of Horned Larks flitting in the field next to our cars and giving us good looks. Our first destination was Lancaster Road east of Huetter where Corinne had seen the Prairie Falcon the previous Wednesday. Alas, no falcon, but we did find a dark morph buteo, which we first identified as a dark-morph Rough-legged Hawk. Later, Kris determined from study of the field guides that we were actually seeing a dark Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk. Altogether, we saw 20 buteos that afternoon, with Rough-legged outnumbering Red-tailed by 3 to 2.

We walked through the grove of Ponderosa pine at the intersection of Huetter and Lancaster, and around the base of a single specimen of Douglas fir found bone fragments and several large owl pellets. Kris and Ed pointed out several small rodent skulls and a few hollow bird bones. The four-inch pellets were probably those of a Great Horned Owl, our largest owl except for the Snowy Owl.

As an immense, fiery sunset painted the western sky, we cruised slowly along the roads north of the airport, once again trolling for the Prairie Falcon. We stopped to listen to some chuckling and twittering in a stubble field that at first struck us as (oh no! not more) European Starlings, but these birds were on the ground. In the fading

light, we were able to make out a flock of at least 12, and possibly twice that many, Gray Partridge, scurrying and jumping up to make short flights. The Gray Partridge is an introduced Eurasian species that has successfully adapted to agricultural lands in North America.

*Trip participants: DeEtta & John Anglin, Kris & Ed Buchler, Janet Callen, Corinne, Del & Cliff Cameron, Roland Craft, Dick Cripe, Lisa Hardy, Jan Severtson, Gina Sheridan, Shirley Sturts*

## BIRDING WITH A BROWN BAG February 11

Lynn  
Sheridan

Roland  
Craft and  
I walked  
together  
from



Independence Point, beside the college, to the sawmill and back. The weather was a sunny 40 degrees. We saw several groups of Ring-billed Gull, totaling about 90. Among them we found only 2 adult and 1 immature California Gull. Canada Goose were in small numbers, about 25, and Mallard, only 20. Pygmy Nuthatch and House Sparrow were swarming noisily around the pines and on the needles strewn on the ground below. An American Robin flew by as we added 5 Rock Dove, 2 American Crow and 2 Northern Flicker to the list. On the log booms were 4 Double-crested Cormorant, and afloat we found 4 Common Merganser and 2 Bufflehead. Altogether it was a delightful outing.

# COLD, SUNNY DAY IN SANDPOINT

Lisa Hardy

On Sunday, February 23, three cars headed north from Coeur d'Alene to Sandpoint for a day of water birding around Pend Oreille Lake. Our first stop was City Beach, where a strong wind from the northeast kicked up whitecapped chop to slap the beach. A few Bufflehead and Common Merganser braved the chop, while on the sheltered side of the park we found Hooded Merganser and Common Goldeneye.

Next was a refueling stop at Starbuck's where we bemoaned the lack of shade-grown coffee offerings, then we headed north to Oden Bay. Here we could see a distant raft of ducks in the bay sheltered from the wind. In a protected inlet on the east side of the bay, we found large numbers of dabblers and divers, including Northern Pintail, Mallard, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser. We were surprised to see a pair of Wood Duck so early in the season, and delighted by the bright chestnut color of a male Eurasian Wigeon. A pair of Green-winged Teal weaved among the other dabblers.

Continuing along Sunnyside Road, we finally came within scope range of one of the distant rafts of ducks, and we determined it was made up largely of scaup with a small percentage of Redhead, and a sprinkling of Canvasback. We watched a pair of Bald Eagle remodeling their nest on Fisherman Island.

While we saw not a cloud in the sky, the temperature stayed below freezing, and a rime of ice had formed along the rocks at

the water's edge. Looking across the lake towards Bottle Bay, we found a distant pair of loons. Small groups of Horned and Red-necked Grebes foraged near the north shore where we could study them closely from Sunnyside Road. A single Double-crested Cormorant flew in and then left.

Mixed flocks of chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Red-breasted Nuthatches flitted on the dry, ponderosa pine slope above the road. A second Bald Eagle nest, with an adult in residence, was spotted about a mile east of the first nest. We found a Varied Thrush at a feeder, and a Townsend's Solitaire looking quizzical with its white eye-ring. At the Pack River delta were more grebes and a flotilla of three Common Loon.

Though Lynn had difficulty in coaxing us out of our cars in the morning for a group shot, by afternoon the wind had moderated, and all agreed that the stunning backdrop of snow-dusted mountains, the good birding, and of course, the good companionship of fellow birders, made the day a success.

*Trip participants: Kris Buchler, Roland Craft, Lisa Hardy, Theresa Potts, Lynn Sheridan, Shirley Sturts, Karen and Marv Williams.*

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*(Forgotten English)*

**Volentine:**  
**Birds, fowls; alteration of Old French *Volatile*, perhaps influenced by *Volant* ....capable of rapid motion or action; (1300s 1400s).**

**- James Murray's *New English Dictionary*, 1928 -**

## UPCOMING IFO PACIFIC SEABIRD WORKSHOPS

IFO workshops for birders are suitable for birders of all levels who have a serious interest in the subject matter. Seabird enthusiasts (or would-be enthusiasts) will have three opportunities to participate in pacific seabird workshops in the coming months: 1-6 August 2003, 27 October- 1 November 1, 2003; and 10-13 January 2004. All of the workshops will be headquartered at the St. Francis Retreat in San Juan Batista, California. **For information call (800) 850-2473 ext. 235 or go to the ABA Website:**

[www.americanbirding.org](http://www.americanbirding.org).

## CHECK IT OUT

### WHOOPING CRANE

The Whooping Crane's migration north will be tracked on the project's web Site-at:

[www.bringbackthecranes.org](http://www.bringbackthecranes.org) as well as that of project partner Operation Migration, Inc.at [www.operationmigration.org](http://www.operationmigration.org)

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership is a consortium of people representing a wide variety of private organizations and public agencies working to reintroduce a migratory flock of whooping cranes back into eastern North America. The ultimate goal of the project is to reintroduce enough whooping cranes to the flyway to establish a self-sustaining flock containing at least 25 adult breeding pairs.

area. Our target will be migrating shorebirds.

**April 19** – Earth Day

**April 26** – Eastern Washington – dry grassland and scrub specialties

**May 3** – Cataldo area, our target will be marsh birds such as rails and Marsh Wren.

**May 10** – International Migratory Bird Day

**May 17** – Finch Arboretum, Spokane

**May 31** – Century Count!

### **10TH ANNUAL BIRD FEEDER SURVEY**

Shirley Sturts

This year 11 participating feeders counted 29 species at their feeders. The 3 birds winning honors for most numerous were House Finch with 148,123,139,87 at 10 feeders, Dark-eyed Junco with 83,55,67,39 at 8 feeders Black-capped Chickadee 35,33,35,34. at 8 feeders. Northern Flicker showed up at 10 feeders and Red-breasted Nuthatch showed up at 9 feeders. None of the species showed up at all 11 feeders. Barbara Dorrell had a Spotted Towhee for December and 1<sup>st</sup> half of January. This species usually migrates south. I had a Black-billed Magpie show up for a drink of water at my birdbath. Nancy Mertz was lucky enough to enjoy a Blue Jay and a Blue/Steller's Jay hybrid eating her seeds.

*I want to thank this years participants: Marilee Benson, Kris Buchler, Janet Callen, Carolyn Cozzetto, Richard Cripe, Barbara Dorrell, Nancy Mertz, Theresa Potts,, Jan and Herb Severtson, Lynn Sheridan,*

*Shirley Sturts.*

**For the results visit our website at: [www.cdaaudubon.org](http://www.cdaaudubon.org) and click on Projects/Events /Birding**

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## **OBSERVATION POST**

**OBSERVERS:** Laura and Pete Bayless (LBAY, PBAY), Ed and Kris Buchler (EBUC, KBUC), Janet Callen (JCAL), Corinne and Cliff Cameron (CCAM,CCCAM) Roland Craft (RCRA), Dick Cripe (DCRI),Rich Del Carlo (RDEL) Gary Goecke (GGOE), Lisa Hardy (LHAR), Holly Jakeski (HJEL), Theresa Potts (TPOT), Jessica Ray (JRAY), Sara Reed (SRED), Lynn Sheridan (LSHE), Jan and Herb Severtson (JSEV, HSEV), Shirley Sturts (SSTU)

### **Bald Eagle (CCAM)**

#### **BLM Survey at Wolf Lodge Bay**

105 - Dec.. 23

63 - Dec. 30

71 - Jan. 6

57 - Jan. 13

**Common Loon** 1 Mica Bay Survey Feb. 10 (KBUC,RCRA, TPOT)

**Western Grebe** 2 Mica Bay Survey Feb. 10 (TPOT, KBUC, RCRA)

**Great Blue Heron** 12+ (Feb. 12) 30+(Feb.14) at Rookery on Fernan Lake (GGOE)

**Northern Harrier** 1 Rathdrum Prairie Jan. 20 (CCAM)

**Rough-legged Hawk** 6 Rathdrum Prairie Jan. 20 (CCAM)

**Bald Eagle** 1 Highway 95/Wyoming Feb. 13 (SREE), 1 Hwy 2 (Newport) Feb. 15 (JRAY)

**Merlin** 1 Fairmont Loop Rd CDA Feb. 17 (JSEV)

**Prairie Falcon** 1 Lancaster Road on Rathdrum Prairie Feb. 5 (CCAM)

**Ruffed Grouse** 1 Post Falls Feb. 15 (JRAY); 1 Fernan Lake Feb. 25 (SSTU)

**Wild Turkey** 25 Armstrong Hill CDA Feb. 15 and 4-13 daily (KBUC); 20+ Fernan Village seen off and on all winter (SSTU); Often seen in the Wolf Lodge Bay area (HJAL)

### **Northern Pygmy-Owl** 1

Armstrong Hill CDA Feb. 10,14.15 (EBUC,) KBUC); 1 near home north of Kingston Feb. 14-17 (LHAR\_

### **Downy Woodpecker** 1

Armstrong Hill CDA Feb. 16-17 (KBUC)

### **Pileated Woodpecker** 1

Wallace Preserve Feb. 15 (HJEL)

**Mountain Chickadee** 1 1<sup>st</sup> she has seen in her yard Cataldo area Feb. 7 (SWEL)

**Steller's Jay** 2 Schweitzer Ski Resort Feb.,. 14 (SSTU)

**American Robin** 3 in his backyard Stanley Hill CDA Jan. 13 (DCRI)

**Varied Thrush** 1 near home north of Kingston Feb. 14-17 (LHAR)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** 1 north of Sandpoint Feb. 22 (RDEL)(suspected of wintering because it is too early for a spring arrival)

**Red-winged Blackbird** 6 1<sup>st</sup> seen back on Fernan Lake Feb. 11 (GGOE) 7+ singing in Mica Bay during survey Feb. 24 (SSTU,KBUC,RCRA,CCAM,CL CAM)

**American Tree Sparrow** 1 Near home north of Kingston Feb. 15 (LHAR)

**Cassin's Finch** 17+ daily at feeder Armstrong Hill CDA (KBUC)