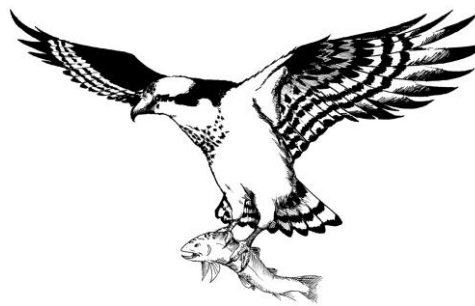


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March Program

Date: March, 14 Tuesday

Place: Lutheran Church of the Master
4800 N. Ramsey, CDA **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Lisa Manning

Lisa serves as the Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper for Kootenai Environmental Alliance. She also serves as a consultant in global leadership development and executive coaching with specialties in both cross cultural considerations, as well as succession management and planning. Her consulting firm, Cross Cultural Leadership Consulting Group, serves executive and young leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

She also hosts a regular radio show on Spokane Talks Radio, entitled *Change Agents, Leaders of the Future*, making a difference in their communities and around the world. Lisa is also a licensed mediator in conflict resolution, an adjunct faculty and researcher for the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) and previously an adjunct faculty at Gonzaga University.

Program: "Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper Alliance" The Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper program is an on-the-water advocate working to ensure that the Lake is swimmable, fishable and drinkable! As your Waterkeeper, we work to protect against threats to the public's water resources in the Coeur d'Alene Lake watershed through enforcement, community action, education, restoration and advocacy.

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President's Message

Hello Birding People!!!

The following is a letter I just submitted to the CDA Press for Letters to the Editor. It may or may not show up in print there. So here it is FYI. - **Midge**



"Dear Editor,

In your December 9, 2016 edition, there was a picture where "A bird leaves its mark Thursday on the window of 360 Fitness". I was very sad to see the photograph. I am a member of the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society, and it was a

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reminder of the billion birds that die per year due to window strikes. According to the Washington Post "As many as 988 million birds die annually in window collisions. Between 365 and 988 million birds die from crashing into windows in the United States each year, according to a new report. That may be as much as 10 percent of the estimated total bird population of the country."



Ten Percent Of The Total Bird Population!!!!

And many of those deaths would be avoidable.

Window strikes are one of the top three human-related cause of bird deaths, along with cats and habitat destruction. Fifty-four to 76 percent of window collisions are fatal; stunned birds that fly away often die of hemorrhage out of our sight.

To birds, the glass windows are invisible, and sometimes worse than invisible. They can reflect trees or sky and look like a good place to fly, especially when frightened or evading an enemy. Or it can happen at nighttime when they are lured to their deaths by the lights.

Governmental agencies of Canada and the United States recognize this problem and have legislation to make new and existing buildings bird friendly. Toronto's Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines and New York's Bird Friendly-Buildings Act require

new and existing buildings be bird friendly effective Jan 1, 2012. On the Federal level the Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2011 calls for each public building constructed, acquired, or altered by the General Services Administration (GSA) to incorporate bird-safe building materials and design features.

Recent data shows that residential buildings (1-3 stories) account for 44 percent of window collision deaths in the US. Low-rise (4-11 stories) account for 56 percent. Fewer than 1 percent occur at high-rise buildings, but this is simply because there are so many more residential and low-rise buildings than high-rise. So, knowing this, there are actions you can take to deter bird strikes and deaths at your home or place of work:

- Relocate your feeders at least 30 feet away from the windows, or less than 3 feet (they can't get up to lethal speed in the short distance).

- Cover the glass with a one-way transparent film that lets people see out, but makes the window appear opaque from the outside.

- Place interior blinds and keep them at a slight slant.

- Place decals or stickers on the window to break up reflections. These are most effective when spaced very closely - no more than about 3-4 inches between them. You can purchase decals made especially for this purpose that are within the ultraviolet spectrum that appear transparent to our eyes, but are visible to birds. (Our local Wild Birds Unlimited Store has decals.)

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Also effective is bird tape which is more cost-effective for larger windows (visit www.ABCbirdtape.org).

-Stretch thin netting over the outside of the window or place ready-made strings over the window, (see www.birdsavers.com).

-Plant trees or shrubs very near to and in front of windows, cutting down on reflections.

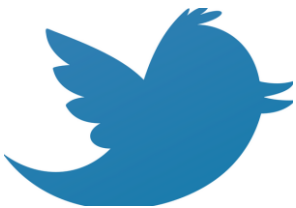
-Move interior houseplants away from windows where strikes are common.

-Let your windows stay dirty!!!! They are more visible that way!!!!

- Bright city lights confuse birds who migrate during the night by obscuring their navigational aids. Make sure your exterior light fixtures are well-shielded and are not producing brilliant glare.

We live in an area full of beautiful scenery and beautiful birds. Please do what you can to eliminate the possibility of bird deaths in your beautiful neighborhood.

Midge Marcy-Brennan
President, CDA Audubon"



Recommended Window Protection For Birds

Shirley Sturts

We have several large windows that unfortunately have caused the death of several birds. The decals didn't work for us as we have rather large windows so we looked for other solutions. Keith found this website:

<http://stores.santarosational.com>

What Experts Say (copied from the above website

"Several years ago we approached Dr. Daniel Klem Jr.,* an often-cited ornithologist and leading authority on bird-window collisions, and asked if he would test our product under scientifically-controlled conditions -- as he has with a variety of other anti-bird-crash products. He replied that testing it was unnecessary because "he knows that 'strings' work." He "believes the Bird Crash Preventer consists of monofilament [cords] spaced at distances that have been found to protect birds from striking windows, either by visually alerting them to the window hazard or physically preventing them from hitting the unyielding surface." "

We purchased three of their Bird Crash Window Preventers and highly recommend them.

- 1) The filament will stretch somewhat over time. All you do is push down on the lower rod and make a quarter turn to tighten.
- 2) The filament does not block your window view. At certain times of the day, we can't see the filament at all!
- 3) You could buy the materials at a hardware store.
- 4) Since we installed the Bird Crash Window Preventers we have had zero collisions!
- 5) It has been very satisfactory.



Edible Snowman built by 9 year old Dorian Kastrinos of Rathdrum

Helpers will definitely be needed. I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting or call me at 664-1085 or e-mail at jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com. We are not able to have an indoor sale this year because the church is occupied on Saturdays.



Audubon Litter Pick-Up

Sign up for the Audubon Litter Pick-Up along Highway 95 on Saturday, April 8. Sign-up is mandatory and sheets will be available at the March 14th meeting. We meet at the Mica Grange building along Hwy 95 between 8-8:15 AM. Join us for a quick cup of coffee and a donut before an 8:00 AM start.

Dress for the weather and bring a pair of gloves. Pick-up sticks will be available as well as garbage bags and ties.

Contact Val Zagar for info (208-819-5115).

From the Partners in Flight Website
Go to: <http://www.partnersinflight.org/pif-watch-list-species/>

"Of 86 Watch List species, 22 have already lost at least half of their population in the past 40 years, and are also projected to lose an additional 50 percent of their current population within the next 40 years. For six Watch List species, this "half-life" window is fewer than 20 years."

**See more about Partners in Flight
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Audubon Garage Sale

May 6, 2017
1392 W Ocean Ave.

Location: Janet Callen's garage.

Directions to Ocean Ave. Dalton Ave.
between Ramsey Road and Highway 95.
South on Isabella.

Deliver items: Tuesday May 2 & Wed. May 3.
Set up and price: Thursday May 4 & Friday
May 5.

Start time 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 6 and
close time 3-4 p.m.

Clothing: Let's keep it to coats, jackets,
hooded sweatshirts. And, perhaps young
children's clothing.

Tables will be needed.

And vinyl open tents most useful.

Lincoln County Washington
February 25, 2017



Horned Lark
Photo by Darlene Carlton

Janet Callen

A field trip to Davenport, Reardan and points west turned into a "field day" of great birds. It was cold, but the sun shone and the snow-covered hills had enough bare spots to attract many small flocks of Horned Larks. We estimated at least 100 or more.

Reardan pond was frozen as was almost all water except for a small running stream which produced some Mallards. We counted at least 8 Red-tailed Hawks, 5 Bald Eagles, 4 Rough-legged Hawks, a Northern Harrier, a Merlin, a Kestrel and 6 Buteo species. At the cemetery a Great Horned Owl was heard.

However, the highlight of the day was the Barred Owl (found with the help of a local resident). This large beautiful bird has been residing in some willows near the town of Davenport for 6 months. Photo shows it asleep. In the same area we also saw 11

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Barred Owl Photo by Darlene Carlton

Ring-necked Pheasants parading along the snow-covered crest of a hill. In other areas we found 4 Gray Partridge, and a flock of California Quail. A welcome sign of spring were some Red-winged Blackbirds. The total species count was 24.

Participants included Lisa Hardy, Mary Deasy, Darlene Carlton and Dave Moughmer, a member of Audubon from Trout Creek Mt.

See Darlene's other field trip photos in our Photo Gallery

<http://cdaudubon.org/photogallery.html>

Rarity Focus

John Hann found another rare bird, a Sagebrush Sparrow, along Rosenkrantz Road (north), Nez Perce County on February 26, 2017 (confirmed with photos on eBird)

According to Charles Swift, "they arrive very early on breeding grounds in the Columbia Basin so this is presumably an off-course spring migrant. There was one even earlier in the Grangeville area and Jon Isacoff had one several years ago in Clarkston (both listed in eBird)."

See:

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S34827678>



PARTNERS IN FLIGHT

The Landbird Conservation Plan

The 2016 Landbird Conservation Plan was just released. This Partners In Flight plan revision is a guide to landbird conservation in the U.S. and Canada over the next 10 years. It presents new assessments and tools as well as recommendations to address continental threats, reverse long-term population declines, and prevent landbirds from becoming at risk. (see also page 4 of this newsletter)

Who and what are the Partners in Flight?

They are a network of more than 150 partner organizations throughout the Western Hemisphere engaged in all aspects

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of landbird conservation, from science, research, planning, and policy development to land management, monitoring, education, and outreach. They collaborate to protect landbirds through strategic monitoring and assessment tools, and development of priority species lists, conservation plans, maps, and databases that facilitate cross-border cooperation among the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Learn more - read the plan - go to:

<http://www.partnersinflight.org/>



Field Trips 2017

Please Register: Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule. Additional field trips will be added if we have volunteers to lead them.

Please contact our field trip coordinators Janet Callen, 664-1085 or George Saylor, 667-2787 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: March 14th, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen, 664-1085

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome to come and learn bird identification skills. - Continued on page 7

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Rathdrum Prairie Hawk Survey

Will take place once a month from November through March. Doug Ward is the leader. This two-hour fast-paced, one-vehicle journey across the prairie is a learning experience that is a lot of fun. We travel in one car for safety. To reserve a spot call Doug, 762-7107 or 699-9327.

Heyburn State Park

Date: March 25, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side

Leader: Lisa Hardy 783-1262

We will walk along the bike trail and maybe a foot trail, weather permitting, followed by car birding on Benewah Lake.

Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

Date: April 1, Saturday - date may change

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Judy Waring - 765-5378

Target Bird: Returning Trumpeter Swans

Grays Harbor, Washington

Date: April 28-May 1

Time and Meet: To be determined

Leader: George Sayler 667-2787

Target Birds: Primarily migrating waterfowl and shorebirds plus the local birds. We will explore the various areas of this hotspot for spring migration.

Boundary County Spring Birding

Dates: May 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday)

Lodging: Selkirk House and Bonners Ferry Motels.

Time: Travel late Thursday aft. to Bonners Ferry. Dinner at Kootenai River Brewery.

Leaders: Kris Buchler 664-4739 and Lisa Hardy 783-1262

Friday we will travel east along the south side of Kootenai River, to Two Tail Mountain, Boulder Creek and Boulder City Ghost. If time permits to Moyie River and Copper Falls. Saturday will include the upper reaches of Smith Creek searching for high elevation species, Boundary Creek Wildlife Management Area and Kootenai

International Migratory Bird Day

Date: May 20, Saturday

Leader: Carrie Hugo 661-9777

Southeast Idaho-Gray's Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Dates: May 30 to June 3, 2017.

Time: To be determined

Leaders: Janet Callen 664-1085

Judy Waring 765-5378

We will travel to Dillon Mt. on the first day where we will stay overnight.

Day two will be south on Highway 15 into Idaho where we will first visit Camas Wildlife refuge. Then on to Gray's Lake Wildlife Refuge where we'll stay overnight.

The refuge has a bunkhouse, with full kitchen and four bedrooms where we will stay overnight at no charge. And that is where we'll have the potluck.

Day three, after exploring the refuge we will travel to Lava Hot Springs for an overnight stay. Time permitting we can travel south to Bear Lake. Day four will be a journey north to visit Craters of the Moon, then north on Highway 93, passing Borah Peak, the tallest mountain in Idaho. We will overnight in Salmon ID. and home the following day. Descriptions of these sites can be found on-line at www.fws.gov/refuges or in our Idaho Birding Trail Guide.

Century Count

Date: early June

Time and Meet: To be determined

New Member Application

Join Online

Become a member of the National Audubon Society, Join online at:
https://secure.audubon.org/site/Donation2?df_id=8080&8080_donation=form1

Pick Chapter Code G06
From the dropdown list

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You may also call National Audubon at **1-844-428-3826**
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