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March Program



Date: March 13, Tuesday

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Brett Haverstick

Program: Brett will present information about the efforts of the "Friends of the Clearwater"; a public lands advocacy group based in Moscow, ID, to revise the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan.

A forest plan sets the direction of how the forest will be managed, how it will function, and how it will work over the next 20-25 years. The Forest Service is currently accepting public comments on various components of the forest plan, including protected areas, recreation opportunities, timber harvest levels, and standards for soils, riparian areas, old growth, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat.

President's Message

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts". Eleanor Roosevelt.

Hello birders!

As you know if you have been reading the OSPREY the last couple of months, our Coeur d'Alene Audubon is sponsoring the National Audubon Society's "Roadshow of 2017's Best Avian Photography" at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library from March 14th through April 4th. It will be BIG. There will be five prints 2 x 3 feet in size, and seven sized 20x30 inches, displayed on the walls of the downstairs hallway.

Information will be available about the photographers and their comments on their photograph. And we now have a local CDA Audubon informational brochure to share as well. I am excited about having the prints for the public to enjoy, especially after our last program where Ralph Kerr showed some of his favorite photos of birds. His photographs are spectacular, letting the beauty of each bird shine in their natural habitat.

I hope that in bringing this exhibit to Coeur d'Alene: (1) it can excite a few more people to see the beauty of birds in the world; (2) it might encourage someone to take up his/her camera and see the world through a different lens; (3) we bring awareness of birds and their struggles for survival especially those caused by humans;

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And (4) the public will be reminded that Coeur d'Alene Audubon exists.

I would like our local Audubon to be "heard of". I would like to think that the general public knows we exist and what it is we "do". We are seen occasionally - Lynn Sheridan has been great at getting education out at Earth Day, our Audubon Adventures is out to 163 classrooms this spring (Barbara ChristoffersoN, WOW), and we are instrumental in the International Migratory Bird Day events (right there behind Carrie Hugo!). I frequently get calls from people with questions or requests that read of us on our wonderful website (thank you, Shirley).

I am in the process of learning to maintain the Facebook site which is a "great potential attention-getter" I am told. We need to let people know we are here, not only to grow our membership, but to get the message to people that we are nature-minded and have great programs and fun field trips. Someone might be looking for something like us. The area is too big to just depend on word-of-mouth. And, you know, the issues that birds are facing now are too big to depend on word-of-mouth.

It is for the future of Coeur d'Alene Audubon and the education of the public on the dilemmas of birds that I am happy to have the Photographer's Exhibit in town. Please. Go see it. Twice. Show interest in the birds. Someone might be watching.

Midge Marcy-Brennan

Award-Winning Nature Photographs on Display at Coeur d'Alene Library

Roadshow of 2017's Best Avian Photography

Visit the Coeur d'Alene Library between March 14 and April 4, 2018 to walk among the winning bird photographs from this year's Audubon Photography Awards and learn more about your local birdlife.

Selected from more than 5,500 entries, the winning photos were published in the [summer 2017 issue of Audubon Magazine](#) and show birdlife at its most vivid, vulnerable, formidable, and elegant. Photographers from 49 states and eight Canadian provinces submitted images in three categories: professional, amateur, and youth. A panel of five judges had the daunting task of sifting through the stunning images and grading them based on technical quality, originality, and artistic merit.

Meet a winning bird:

Grand Prize Winner, Deborah Albert

Gentoo Penguins
Deborah Albert/Audubon Photography Awards
2017 Grand Prize Winner



Gentoo Penguins. Photo: Deborah Albert/Audubon Photography Awards

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The Newsletter Index

Shirley Sturts

On the front page of our Website if you click on the link to the newsletter, you will see a link to the newsletter index. This is an index to all our past newsletters from November 1990 to the current issue.

Below that you will then notice links that will bring up all the old issues of our newsletter. In checking over the Index today, I looked under the subject "Book Reviews" to see if "Birding Without Borders" was there (added for the February 2018 newsletter).

I then noticed another review "To See Every Bird on Earth". That sounded like an interesting book so I looked up the review in the September 2005 newsletter to read about it.

After reading the review, I noticed the lead article for that month was an article with a photograph called "The "Old Snag" by Dick Cripe. This is a gem of an article. It would be worth reprinting in a future newsletter.

I would like to encourage you to browse through the index. Maybe you are considering going on a field trip to Lincoln County, Washington. Look under "Field Trips" and read about what birds were seen on past field trips there.

Have you written some articles but can't remember what newsletter they were in? Your articles will be listed under your name. Look

under conservation to see what topics we have covered in our newsletters.

As I did some more browsing, I came across the subject "Chocolate". Being a chocolate lover, I wondered what that could be about so I looked in the March 2006 issue of our newsletter and found an article about chocolate by Lisa Hardy. This is another gem of an article worth a future reprint. Where does our chocolate come from? How can we eat chocolate that isn't produced by slave labor and doesn't hurt the environment? Read it and find out.

If you are searching for information on a subject, don't forget to consider looking in past issues of our Newsletter as there are a lot of articles that have lasting informative value.

Credit for this index and archives of all our back issues goes to my husband Keith.



Audubon spring litter pick-up

Audubon spring litter pick-up this year has been scheduled for Saturday, April 7.

Gather at the Mica Grange location for an 8:30 a.m. collection start; arrive earlier to share a cup of coffee and a donut. Dress for the weather and pack a pair of gloves, we go rain or shine. Collection effort is usually complete by 11:30 a.m.

Advance sign-up for those participating is required to comply with IDOT regulations; attend the March 13th Audubon meeting to Register. Contact Val Zagar ([208-819-5115](tel:208-819-5115)) for questions.

Bird Sightings

Tundra Swan - 1st for 2018 - Killarney Lake
 February 11 Larry Krumpleman and Schlepp Farm
 February 12 Mike Schlepp



Wood Duck - east end of Fernan Lake - February 4 - Shirley Sturts

Snowy Owl - Davenport area, WA - January - Larry Krumpleman



Pileated Woodpecker - 1 - hill behind my house - Fernan Lake - January 31 - Shirley Sturts

California Quail - 7 and 14 - first I've had in my yard this year - Feb. 15 and 24 Shirley Sturts -

George Sayler took this photo of those in his yard December 26th



Cedar Waxwing - in his yard January 27 - George Sayler



White-breasted Nuthatch - 1 - February 16 - Dick and Antje Cripe's yard

Varied Thrush - 1 - February 16 - Dick and Antje Cripe's yard

Yellow-rumped Warbler - first for 2018 - February 25 - in her yard - Janet Callen

Red-winged Blackbird - first one reported for 2018 - Mica Bay - February 13 - Janet Callen (Mica Bay Survey)

Spotted Towhee - first for 2018 - February 16 - in her yard - Janet Callen

Why do Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers look so much alike?



Photo by Bill Linn



Photo by F. Andrews
Fernan Lake – June 1978

Copied from Project FeederWatch eNews-Feb.26, 2018

When two species look similar to one another, biologists typically suspect the species have a close evolutionary relationship. However, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers are actually each more closely related to very different looking woodpeckers than they are to each other. Cornell Lab scientists are using behavior interaction data from FeederWatch to explore possible explanations for why these two woodpeckers look so much alike. Read about their findings on the [FeederWatch blog](#).

Hoodoo Valley Bluebird Trail... It's that time of year again!!!!

We need volunteers. We start checking boxes once a week, late April through late August. We always send two people a week, it is too much for one person alone...Plus it's more fun to be with someone and you can do some bird watching at the same time

We will have a sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings. We also plan on doing an orientation some time near the end of March for anyone who wants to attend.

If you are interested and want more information, you can find us at the general meeting or you can call us or text us Rob and Nancy Krouse.

Our phone number is [208-651-3620](tel:208-651-3620)
Email is rnkroese@gmail.com.



Eliminating Threats to Birds

Copied from *Inside Bird Conservation* - November 2016 - Special Edition on Eliminating Threats to Birds - This is continued from the January newsletter

Wind Energy

Camp Perry: American Bird Conservancy (ABC) and Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) have filed a [60-day notice of intent to sue](#) the Ohio Air National Guard (ANG) for violations of the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws in the course of planning to build a large wind turbine at its Camp Perry facility in Ottawa County, Ohio. Close to the shores of Lake Erie, the site lies within a major bird migration corridor and would be the first wind energy

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development on public land in this ecologically sensitive area. In [a letter](#), the two groups assert that ANG has unlawfully compromised and short-circuited the environmental review process for the Camp Perry wind facility. ABC has also [commented on numerous inappropriately sited wind projects](#).

Power Lines

BLM chooses transmission line routes that avoid private land, sage grouse habitat

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) chose routes for the Gateway West high-power transmission line that avoid private land, sage-grouse habitat, and the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. The routes have been a source of controversy with residents critical of previous plans that sought primarily to avoid the Birds of Prey area. Idaho State BLM Director Tim Murphy said the agency had to ensure the area received "a heightened level of protection and care."

"Another important effort we've undertaken is working with the state and other essential partners to protect high-quality sage grouse habitat throughout Southern Idaho," Murphy said. "The routes we have selected honor both of these priorities while also providing a path forward for this important project."

[Read the full story](#) from *The Idaho Statesman*, October 6, 2016 (reprinted from [Your Public Lands](#), BLM's new E-Newsletter).

(Eliminating Threats to Birds - to be continued in our April newsletter)

Farragut State Park and Bayview. February 3rd

Dick Cripe

It was a beautiful day for birding at Farragut, but the birds had gone elsewhere. Dave Moughmer, Carol Puetz, and Dick Cripe were there to check things out. They saw about 30 Mallards sunning themselves on the Bayview Dock, 2 Canada Geese sunning themselves on the beach at Buttonhook Bay, one lonely European Starling at [Bayview](#), 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Common Raven and a handful of Chickadees. There was nothing on the water - nothing - not even any gulls. But it was a beautiful day in a beautiful place. We just hope the birds were where they wanted to be.



Local Feeders Field Trip February 17 2018

Judy Waring

Photo by George Sayler in his yard January 2, 2018

Our stalwart team of four birders faced seven inches of new snow falling as we tried a new approach to a winter field trip. Instead of the standard pursuit, literally in "the field", we toured the well-stocked feeders in the yards of five chapter members. The idea was to find them where they gather. Starting at Doug Ward's home, we built a nice base of twelve species. The American Robin may have been the star bird because of the scarcity of this species so far this winter.

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From here we went to Janet Callen's yard where eight species worked on her many feeding stations, including a family of California Quail. The female Anna's Hummingbird, Louise that spent quality time at Janet's elaborate feeder set-up has since moved on.

At Theresa Pott's home we had hopes of seeing the Brown Creeper that visited her front yard not long ago but no luck with that, though we did enjoy the gang hard at work at the feeders.

Moving on To Dick Cripe's house we added Turkey and the ever-present Starling.

Our final stop was at the home of George and Katie Sayler. Many birds were visiting their lovely back yard, repeats of earlier sightings.

Total species from the five homes: eighteen. I might add that the tour included donuts, candy and cinnamon buns, always a plus!



Field Trips



Our field trips are also posted on our Website

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

Please contact Dick Cripe 208-665-0010 to volunteer to lead a trip or to suggest places to go.

Mica Bay Survey

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

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen

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

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

Sandpoint and Pend Oreille Lake

Date: March 3:

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart Parking lot. Rendezvous with Sandpoint participants at City Park at 9:00.

Leaders: Dick Cripe - [208-665-0010](tel:208-665-0010).

Activity: Full day. We will Look for birds in City Park and nearby viewpoints in Sandpoint. Proceed on Hiway 20 along north shore with stops at Pack River Delta, Sunnyside Loop, Denton Slough, and Clark Fork Delta. Bring lunch and water, and wear appropriate clothing.

Chain of Lakes and CdA River

Date: March 17

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meet: Fernan Forest Service Office, Sherman and I-90. Rendezvous with Lisa at Rose Lake Junction at 8:00.

Leader: Lisa Hardy; [480-522-6056](tel:480-522-6056)

Activity: 3/4 day. Look for waterfowl, wading birds, and field/forest birds on and around chain of lakes from Rose Lake to Black Lake. Going on to Harrison is an option. Bring water, lunch, and wear appropriate clothing.

Check our Website for April field trip details

To be announced

Date: April 14

Palouse/Lewiston Trip.

Date: April 28 and 29.

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