

THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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Zoom Meeting

March 9 - 7:00 pm



Program: Brad Smith, Director of North Idaho Region, Idaho Conservation League, will present the activities and issues of his organization in North Idaho. ICL is Idaho's primary conservation organization and is active throughout the state in advocating for the natural environment. Incidentally, Scott Reed was one of the founders of ICL.

Shirley will be sending out a Zoom link and information to those on the Audubon Chapter email list a day or two before the meeting. If you do not get the link, send a request to shirley.sturts@gmail.com OR Patty Beyer at pattybeyer1020@gmail.com

"Birds are sensitive indicators of the environment, a sort of 'ecological litmus paper'. The observation of birds leads inevitably to environmental awareness."

Roger Tory Peterson

Hoo Doo Valley Bluebird Trail



We will be checking Bluebird nest boxes on the Hoo Doo Valley trail, weekly, from April 22 thru August 15, 2021. If you are

interested in volunteering for this activity, please contact Nancy Kroese at 208-651-3620, or at rnkroese@gmail.com, by no later than April 1. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know which dates you will NOT be available, so that we can make up the schedule accordingly. Please let us know if you have not participated in the past, and we will set up an orientation session prior to the start of the schedule.

President's Message



Things are definitely lightening up, literally and figuratively.

The days are getting longer, the coronavirus is on the decline, the vaccine is being distributed, and CdA Audubon is picking up steam. We've had two zoom meetings, two field trips, and more spring activities are being planned. And, since the birds don't worry about any of the above, the spring migration is beginning with swans and geese starting to arrive in the area.

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President's Message

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Tundra Swan with band – photo taken by Darlene Carlton along the bike trail – Chain of Lakes – on March 8, 2014

I'm looking forward to visiting my second favorite place in the county-Harrison, and looking for birds along the bike trail.

Let me introduce, or re-introduce, our new board members. All have pitched in and taken on responsibilities to get things done. Ted Smith, our new field trip coordinator, is new to North Idaho, but spent a career with Washington State Parks and Recreation. Pam Gomes, and her husband Ron, have been in North Idaho for many decades. Pam taught science during that time at Lake City High School. She is participating on the Kris Buchler sign committee. Patty Beyer, and her husband Jim, have been members of the club for many years. Patty already had a Zoom account so volunteered to set up our Zoom meetings (and when the president can

be seen but not heard, she can step in and get the meeting started).

There are a number of activities that are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter so note them and prepare to get back involved. As for Antje and me, we have had our second vaccination so we will be off to visit kids and grandkids that we haven't seen for a year.

SPRING IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER!

Richard



Recent Bird Sightings

Trumpeter Swan - 7 - February 18 - Cougar Bay, CDA Lake - Terry Little

Tundra Swan - 24 - February 18 - Harrison Harbor area - Terry Little

Long-tailed Duck - 1 - February 19 - East Hope, Bonner County - Rich Del Carlo and 1 on February 18 - Spokane River, Greene Street Bridge, Spokane, WA - Michael Woodruff (need one for Kootenai County)

Bald Eagle- January 30 - Fish Lake, WA - wandering around on the ice - Photo by Doug Albertson



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Golden Eagle - 1 - February 7 - Conkling Park - Jon Isacoff

Northern Harrier - 1 flew over - February 17 - West of Pleasant View Road just north of I-90, Post Falls - Midge Marcy-Brennan

Lesser Black-backed Gull - 1 - February 11 - Spokane River off of NIC Dike Road - Terry Little

Glaucous Gull - 1 - February 17 - Coeur d'Alene City Beach - Carl Lundblad

Iceland Gull - 1 - February 18 - Harrison Harbor area - Terry Little

Belted Kingfisher - February 16 - Fish Lake, WA - Photo by Doug Albertson



Northern Pygmy-Owl - March 18 - Carlin Bay, CDA Lake - Terry Little

Barred Owl - 1 - January 20 - CDA Yard S. 11th - Mark Launder

Barred Owl - 1 - February 15 - McCall Park, Hayden Lake - Ken Fisher - photo by Ken Fisher



Great Horned Owl - 1 pair heard - February 21 - Honeysuckle in Hayden - Midge Marcy-Brennan

Downy Woodpecker - February 20 - my feeder - Fernan Lake - Shirley **Sturts**

White-breasted Nuthatch - 1 - at her feeder - Fernan Lake - Shirley **Sturts**

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Photo by Dick Cripe -
CDA Audubon field trip

Varied Thrush - 1 - February 17 CDA -
their yard - Phil Waring

Brewer's Blackbird - 1 - January 16 -
Riverstone Park - David Yake

Spotted Towhee - 1 - in her yard - Blackwell
Hill - February 20 - Evelyn Huender

White-crowned Sparrow - 1 - February 9th -
Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen, Darlene
Carlton, Vera Taggart

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1 - February 19 -
NIC Dike Road - Cameron Huesser

Evening Grosbeak - 4 - February 14 - in
their yard - Peggy Albertson

Cassin's Finch - a pair - February 15th - at
their feeder - Valerie Zagar

Horned Lark - 40 - February 20 - Tyler
Road, Plummer - Kas Dumroese

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch - 45 - February
20 - Tyler Road, Plummer - Kas Dumroese

Lesser Goldfinch - 12 - February 19 -
Plummer - Neil Paprocki



Mica Bay Survey

Darlene Carlton, Vera Taggart, Janet Callen

February 9th

Common Raven - 7

Black-billed Magpie - 4

Pine Siskin - 55

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 2

House Finch - 25

Black-capped Chickadee - 5

Wild Turkey - 2

Dark-eyed Junco - 25

Song Sparrow - 2

White-crowned Sparrow - 1

Gull species - 10

Bald Eagle - 2

Double-crested Cormorant - 5

Common Goldeneye - 4

Canada Geese - 100+

Common Merganser - 7

Mallard - 50

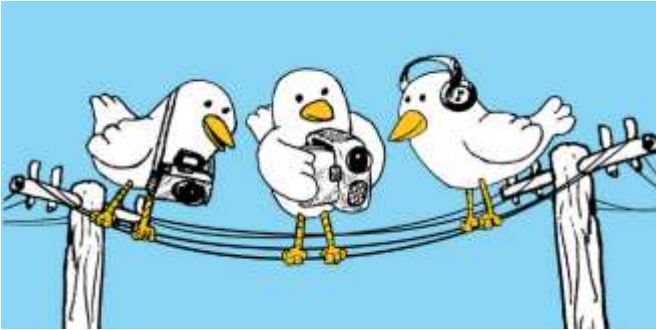
American Widgeon - 5

Redhead - 1

Horned or Eared Grebe - 4

While we were watching in the bay, a lot of waterfowl were gathered in the bend between the Eagle nest and the picnic ground, by the dock. There were so many close together, we couldn't get a really good count until a boat came into the bay, and at least 300 waterfowl took to the sky.

Birding Festivals



Because of Covid-19 many bird festivals have gone virtual. This does have an advantage of being able to go to a bird festival from the comfort of your own home. Here is a link to bird festivals with several listed as virtual.

A March Virtual Festivals: *Virtual Wings & Wetlands Birding Festival March 24-26*

Take part in this year's Wings & Wetlands Festival from wherever you are.

Through a series of Zoom classes, we will bring you leading experts on birds, wetlands, and conservation messages and resources to enhance your next wetland visit. Featured presenters include Kenn Kaufman (field Guide author, naturalist, and artist), Alvaro Jaramillo biologist, conservationist, guide), Sharon 'The Bird Chick' Stiteler aka (Birder, speaker, author) and others. Topics of presentations will include the link of Kansas wetlands to bird migrations, the psychology of birding, humorous birding stories, bird identification, Kansas wetlands, Kansas raptors information and registration at <http://www.wingsandwetlands.com>

1-877-243-9268, 620-566-1456,
<http://wetlandcenter.fhsu.edu>

Mica Highway Cleanup

Missing seeing your Audubon friends, then please join them in our semiannual highway cleanup on highway 95. Put April 17th in your calendars. We will meet at Mica Grange at 8:30 AM. Susie and Ellie will have a drive-up area where you can sign the liability waiver, get some coffee, a muffin, trash bags and gripper and be given your assignment without leaving the comfort of your car. We haven't been able to clean the roadside for a year and a half so the more people we can get the lighter the task for all. Any questions please call Ellie @ 970 744-0104 or Susie @ 208 818-1881



Field Trips



Mica Bay Survey

Date: March 9, 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

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

Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

Date: March 27, Saturday

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Meet: old K-Mart parking lot- SW corner

Leader: Ted Smith (406) 540-2673

Activity: Look forward to lots of waterfowl, early spring migrants, and maybe the first wildflowers of the season.

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