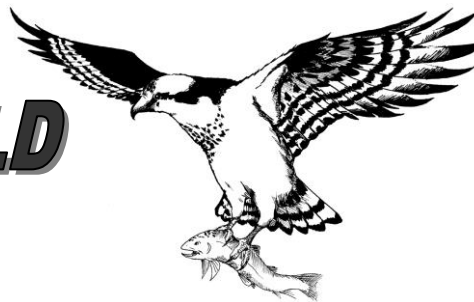


THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 19, Monday

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mt. West Bank
125 Ironwood Dr.

MAY PROGRAM

DATE: May 19, Monday

TIME: 6:30 p.m. Business meeting
(election of officers for next year)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Program

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 521 E.
Lakeside, Coeur d'Alene

PROGRAM: "Birding Basics" Part 2 -
Presented by local Audubon members -
Free and open to the public - Donations
to cover costs of handouts appreciated

AUDUBON

GARAGE/YARD SALE

(more information on page 2)

DATE: June 14th, Saturday

June 13th, Friday - organize sale

TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PLACE: Theresa Potts' home at 4103
Arrowhead, Coeur d'Alene

HELP NEEDED: Sign up at the May
meeting or call Jan at 667-6209 or
email: jansjam@verizon.net.

JUNE PICNIC/POTLUCK

DATE: June 16, Monday

TIME and PLACE: To be announced at
the May meeting or contact one of the
board members. It will be posted on the
website after the May meeting.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY

BIRD DAY

Saturday, May 10

AND

CENTURY COUNT

Saturday, May 31

(See field trips for information)



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will hold a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. before our "Basic Birding Class" at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a slate of officers for the coming year. Our candidates are: Ed Buchler - President, Carrie Hugo - Vice President, Lynn Sheridan - Secretary, Ronn Rich Treasurer.

Western Tanager from the
Fuertes Collection

THREE BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS OPEN

Please consider volunteering for one of these openings. You don't have to be a birder, just have a love of nature. This is not a large time commitment. It currently involves attending 9 board meetings a year.

Currently board meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (September to May). This is the same day as our regular meeting to accommodate those members coming in from out-of-town.

We are also looking for people to help on one of three committees: Field Trip, Education and Conservation. You do not need to be a board member. If you are interested, contact me at: 765-2603 after 5 p.m..

Lynn Sheridan, out-going President



Audubon Members Make a Difference

"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 -

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ANNUAL AUDUBON GARAGE SALE Saturday, June 14

Our eighth annual Audubon Garage Sale is coming up in June. We

hope you will circle the date and begin to save your contributions.

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Time: 9:00 AM not a moment sooner) to 3:00 PM.

Location: Home of Theresa Potts - 4103

Arrowhead Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID (off Atlas Road).

Donations: We welcome ALL donations.

In the past, we have been particularly successful with books and plants, so think of us when working in your garden. (It helps if you can label your plants and indicate their growing preferences.) Clean clothes are appreciated, including shoes, purses and accessories. And, of course, we look forward to receiving items from your kitchen, office, garage, closets, attic, and workshop.

Delivering Your Donations: Theresa has graciously agreed to receive donations in the afternoon of the week prior to the sale - Monday June 9th through Thursday the 12th. (If you must drop off your contributions when she is not at home, please leave them in front of the garage under the eaves or on the west side of the driveway.) Call Theresa at 765-0229 to arrange delivery of heavy/large items at a time when she will be home.

Volunteering to Help: On Friday, June 13th (do not be daunted by the date) we will sort donations and prepare them for display. And, of course, **we need lots of help on Saturday. Please call Jan Severtson (667-6209), after May 15th, or Theresa Potts (765-0229) and sign up to join the fun!**

Proceeds: The proceeds from this sale support our educational outreach and help pay for our monthly meeting space. So the birds - and your closets - will benefit from your donations. (Unsold items are taken to other non-profits, such as the Humane Society, Green Cross, Hospice, St. Vincents, Goodwill, and Habitat for Humanity.)

NEST WATCH



**Robin nest -
Photograph by Herb
Severtson**

Greetings,

The NestWatch team is excited to announce that our new web site at www.nestwatch.org is now live!

NestWatch is citizen-science project that teaches people how to properly monitor nests and collect data used to track nesting success of North American breeding birds. It has been designed for novices as well as experienced nest monitors and includes an interactive quiz for participants to become "certified" to monitor nests.

NestWatch is free to join and all materials needed to participate are available online. This includes downloadable data collection sheets, the NestWatch manual, protocol, code of conduct, discussion forums, and multimedia resources. All observations are submitted online where they are accessible through maps or downloaded as Excel or pdf files.

The development of this web site as well as the NestCams, has been quite an undertaking and includes the merging of The Birdhouse Network into NestWatch. All the great materials developed for The Birdhouse Network exist now as a resource center located at www.nestinginfo.org. The Birdhouse Network and its focus on cavity nesters was crucial to building a solid base of dedicated nest monitors and enables us to now present the opportunity to monitor and report on all nesting birds in North America.

Although the web site continues to be a work in progress, check it out at < www.nestwatch.org > and let us know what you think!

As always, please be in touch with any questions or suggestions and feel free to circulate this e-mail to other interested parties and organizations. Thank you for your continued support of citizen science projects at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Tina Phillips, Project Leader
Kitty Gifford, Project Assistant
NestWatch & NestCams
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

VAUX'S SWIFTS



Larry Schwitters, Pilchuk Audubon, is conducting a survey on Vaux's Swifts. Any birder seeing swifts coming to chimneys or snags in the evening in Oregon, Washington,

Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Alberta are welcome to send him information. Information on sightings is being requested from April 2008 until the swifts leave by October 2008.

"Save our Swifts!" , a project which is a focal point for our chapter, involves the plight of Monroe, Washington's Vaux's Swifts. Susie Schaefer, Pilchuk Audubon Society, is asking for your help in counting these migrants. The old brick chimney at Frank Wagner Elementary School is a roosting site for the second largest colony of Vaux's Swifts in North America during their twice-yearly migration.

Click <http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org> (and then on click programs) to download a word document that you can fill out and e-mail to Larry Schwitters.

Larry Schwitters, 1745 Brookside Drive SE, Issaquah, WA 98027. Larry Schwitters [lpatters@ix.netcom.com] .

AUDUBON LAUNCHES

TOGETHERGREEN

WITH TOYOTA GRANT

New York, NY- The National Audubon Society and Toyota launched *TogetherGreen*, a nationwide Audubon program to fund conservation projects, train environmental leaders, and offer volunteer opportunities to significantly benefit the environment.

A \$20 million Toyota grant-the largest Audubon has received in its 103-year history-will fund *TogetherGreen* for five years, enabling Audubon to expand the scope and reach of its internationally-known conservation programs. TogetherGreen will include three program components: innovation grants, conservation fellowships, and volunteer days. A new website for the program, www.TogetherGreen.org, will be available this spring.

To learn more about the program, please visit: <http://web1.audubon.org/news/pressRelease.php?id=400>

SPRING MIGRATION

Shirley Sturts

See spring arrival dates on:

<http://cdaudubon.org/Springarrivals1.htm>

Birds that arrived in April.

Mountain Bluebird - April 1, Lane, Bill Gundlach
Cinnamon Teal - April 5, Hauser Lake, Terry Little
Turkey Vulture - April 7, Huetter Rd/I-90, Doug Ward
Sora - May 2, Fernan Lake, Kris Buchler, Shirley Sturts

Virginia Rail - April 29, Kris Buchler

Brewer's Blackbird - April 8 , Praire Ave., Doug Ward

White-cr. Sparrow - April 14, CDA , Steve Lindsay

Red-naped Sapsucker - April 12, CDA, Theresa Potts

N. Rough-w Swallow & Greater and Lesser

Yellowlegs - April 20, Cougar Bay, Terry Gray

Wilson's Warbler - April 20, CDA, Theresa Potts

Nashville Warbler, - April 21, CDA, Bill Gundlach

Townsend's Warbler & Yellow-rumped Warbler,

April 23, CDA, Bill Gundlach

Calliope Hummingbird, April 23. CDA Kris Buchler

and Judy Waring at their feeders 5 min. apart ☺

Barn Swallow - Marsh Wren - Yellow-headed

Blackbird - Orange-crowned Warbler (heard by Kris

Buchler) - April 26, Cataldo area - Birding Basics

Filed Trip

Yellow Warbler - May 2, Fernan Lake - Kris Buchler

Savannah Sparrow - April 11 & Vesper Sparrow -

April 21 CDA Airoport , Cindy Langlitz

Some birds to look for this month are: (date of earliest arrival date between 2001-2007):

Blue-winged Teal - April 24, 2004

Black Tern - May 6, 2002

Vaux's Swift - April 30, 2006

Black-chinned Hummingbird - April 18, 2005

Rufous Hummingbird - April 12, 2004

Western Wood Pewee - May 7, 2006

Willow Flycatcher - May 23, 2006

Eastern and Western Kingbirds - May 7, 2005

Cassin's Vireo - April 24, 2002

Red-eyed Vireo - April 28, 2001

Warbling Vireo - May 2, 2004

Bank Swallow - April 27, 2006

Cliff Swallow - April 6, 2001

Chipping Sparrow - April 10, 2004

Black-headed Grosbeak - May 5, 2007

Western Tanager - May 2, 2003

Swainson's Thrush - May 12, 2002

Report early sightings to Shirley Sturts

s.sturts@verizon.net or 664-5318

NEST BOXES

Lynn Sheridan



Our spring cleanup of bird houses on Avondale Golf Course was late this year due to the weather. There was still snow on parts of the grass. On April 8th, Roland Craft, Dick Cripe and I started checking the boxes, and on April 10, Dick and I completed the job. We lost some boxes, but found 20, 15 of which were used. Most were swallow nests, with a few nests of chickadee, a possible wren, and a rodent. I plan to go back in May and put up a few more nest boxes.

Dick has 6 boxes in a field near his home which have seen bluebird activity, and he and Roger Young monitor 6 boxes on the Ponderosa Golf Course. Ed Buchler and Roland Craft try to maintain a few up on Higgins Point, despite attacks by squirrels on the entry holes.

Ladd Livingston, a Boy Scout leader, asked our Audubon group to help with their *Scoutarama*. Roland, my loyal partner, kept busy drilling hundreds of holes in wooden components of 140 bird houses.

Our Audubon team consisting of Roland, Jerry Hansen, Derek Antonelli, Phil Waring, and I gathered at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds April 19th. Our task was to help scouts assemble nest boxes. We, along with many parents, held the wood parts steady as the kids banged away. Nearly 140 kids went home with a nest box, celebrating Earth Day.

This was a worthwhile project. Thank you, gentlemen.

BIRDING BASICS FIELD TRIP

Kris Buchler



Cinnamon Teal
Photograph by Bill Linn

Spring finally arrived in the Idaho Panhandle in the form of a beautiful male Eurasian Wigeon near Hardy Loop in Cataldo. Water levels are high in most ponds and flooded fields this year, even though our big snowmelt has yet to occur. This

site boasted other paddlers including 3 Cinnamon Teal, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon and Northern Shoveler.

Further along Hardy Loop we were able to study 4 species of swallows who were sharing the skies and electrical wires. These included Barn, Northern Rough-winged, Tree and Violet-green Swallows.

Our first stop gave us our only colorful Yellow-headed Blackbird, 2 noisy Marsh Wrens, a solitary Townsend's Solitaire, Song Sparrows, a Pied-billed Grebe and several occupied Osprey nests.

The flooded fields bordered by River Road south of the interstate were surprisingly empty. Only small congregations of American Wigeon, Redhead, Common Goldeneye, Ring-necked Duck and Northern Shoveler sprinkled the waters. This is a usual stop for migrating Tundra Swan and the hundreds we expected turned into only two on the far side of the ponds.

Our season is late and only two warblers were heard – Yellow-rumped and Orange-crowned. Our new birders from the Birding Basics class seemed to enjoy the warm sun and sounds of spring.

See our website for a complete list of species and participants.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

From Audubon Newswire May 1, 2008

From 50 Simple Things YOU Can Do to Save the Earth

Audubon is among the organizations featured in the new 50 Simple Things YOU Can Do to Save the Earth, in a "For the Birds" chapter. Developed in collaboration with the Science team, the section focuses on actions people can take to help birds. The original 50 Simple Things, by John Javna, was a revolutionary bestseller in 1990; this completely updated and revised version, also authored by Javna, offers a great platform to bring Audubon's message to new audiences.

Birdwatcher by Elizabeth J. Rosenthal

Roger Tory Peterson-the Renaissance man who taught Americans the joy of watching birds-also invented the modern field guide. His 1934 landmark *Field Guide to the Birds* was the first book designed to go outdoors and help people identify the elements of nature. This self-proclaimed "student of nature" combined spectacular writing with detailed illustrations to ultimately publish many other books, winning every possible award and medal for natural science, ornithology, and conservation. Peterson also traveled the world, giving lectures on behalf of the National Audubon Society and, despite his self-effacing demeanor, becoming recognized as the key force to alerting the public to the importance of preserving nature. There are now an estimated 70 million birdwatchers in the United States.

For this meticulously detailed biography of Roger Tory Peterson, Birdwatcher, author Elizabeth J. Rosenthal has interviewed more than a hundred of Peterson's family, friends, and associates to create a fully rounded portrait of this hero of the conservation movement. Never-before-seen photographs enhance this intimate portrayal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

From Audubon Newswire May 1, 2008

Audubon Summer Camp Scholarships Available

Wild Birds Unlimited has teamed up with National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to provide 200 children with scholarships for Audubon summer camps. Wild Birds Unlimited scholarship eligibility is determined by each Audubon Center. For more information on

details about general registration, camp programs and scholarships please contact the camp where you or your children want to connect to nature. Find out which camps are eligible [here](#). (<http://www.audubon.org/educate/cw/index.php>)

Going Green Bird Feeders and Houses-

Audubon's Going Green line of RECYCLED plastic BIRD FEEDERS and HOUSES are now available! Since 2002, WoodLink has created an excellent line of Audubon Bird & Squirrel Feeders, Bird Houses, Butterfly & Bat Shelters, Bird Baths, & Accessories. Each product is carefully reviewed and field-tested by the Licensing Department and Audubon Science.

In the latest edition of Audubon products, the Going Green Recycled Series, the recycled plastic used is made from over 90 percent post-consumer recycled plastic, which does not absorb water, keeping it from harboring mold or bacteria; ensuring a healthier environment for birds. To view the Audubon line of products produced by WoodLink, check out the catalog [here](#). (http://www.woodlink.net/Audubon_portal/store/Audubon/Squirrel_Baffles/productlist.aspx?0=%2faudubon_portal%2fwelcome.aspx&portal=audubon)

New Audubon At Home Listserv!

Do you participate in Audubon At Home activities? Or, are you just interested in learning more about Audubon At Home? If so, join our new Audubon At Home listserv. The listserv will allow us all to share information among Audubon Centers, Chapters, and other groups that are interested in Audubon At Home programs and principles. You can join the listserv by going to this website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/audubonathome/>. If you have questions, contact Mary Ford at mford@audubon.org or 202-861-2242 ext 3023.

Stories Sought: What You Are Doing to Help Fight Global Warming

We're still looking for stories from the Audubon family. Tell us what steps are you taking - both individual actions and chapter or other group initiatives. We will share your experiences through Newswire and on the Audubon website - inspiring others to join Audubon in making a difference. Please send your story to kconnors@audubon.org - with photos showcasing what you are doing, if you have them!

WREN

Summer Wildlife Camp 2008



June 17-18 (Ages 10-11)
July 16-17 (Ages 12-13)



"It was interesting to be able to hold a water snake and identify tadpoles."
- *Samantha*

The WREN Foundation is offering our Wildlife Camp again this year!
The camp will be held in two sessions for students who have a strong interest in learning more about the natural world around them.

Activities:

Examples of hands-on activities:

-  Bird Identification
-  Amphibian Surveys
-  Nature Art
-  Journaling
-  Habitat evaluations
-  Insect Study
-  Games

Staff: This year's staff will include professional biologists, teachers and guest specialists.

Hours and Transportation: We will start each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Master on the corner of Ramsey and Kathleen in Coeur d'Alene. Transportation to field

learning sites from this location will be provided by WREN Foundation staff. A family potluck and awards ceremony wraps up the 2nd day of camp.

Cost: \$75 covers two days of exciting and unique wildlife activities and field trips. This includes all materials, transportation to field sites and professional instruction.

For more information please call
Jenny Taylor at 208-666-9898 or
Kris Buchler at 208-664-4739.

Application Information

Application deadline is May 31st, 2008.
APPLY EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED!!

**Please complete the following information and submit with payment to:
WREN Foundation P.O. Box 3316
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83816.**

Camper Name:

Check one: Age 10-11 June 17-18 _____
Age 12-13 July 16-17 _____
Male _____ Female _____

Mailing Address:

City _____ State _____
ZIP _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name:

E-mail _____

Parents' Home or Cell Phone

_____ - _____ - _____

Parents' Daytime Phone

_____ - _____ - _____

FIELD TRIPS

PLEASE REGISTER: Watch the website for updates to our field trip schedule. 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 have been changed.

COST: Participants will share in a mileage reimbursement for the driver at a rate of \$0.25/mile, with the trip leader responsible for collection and distribution of the compensation.

RADIOS: We will ask participants to contribute \$1.00 toward batteries as needed.

MICA BAY SURVEY

(2nd Tuesday of each month - 8:00 a.m. September - November and April; 9:00 a.m. December- March: 7:00 a.m. May-August)

DATE: May 13, Tuesday

TIME: 7:00 a.m. (note change of time)

MEET: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

LEADERS: Shirley Sturts, 664-5318 - Kris Buchler, 664-4739

ACTIVITY: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay.

NOON TIME BIRDING TRIP

(3rd Tuesday of each month September-May - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.)

DATE: May 20 , Tuesday

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

MEET: 11th street entrance to Tubbs Hill.

LEADER: Lynn Sheridan, 765-2603 after 5 p.m. Please register

ACTIVITY: Take an hour out of your busy day to enjoy the out-of-doors. See how many different species of birds one can find in an hour and get to know people who share your interest in nature. Beginner bird watchers are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY FIELD TRIP

DATE: May 10, 2008, Saturday

MEET: Fernan Ranger Station

TIME: 7:45 a.m.

LEADER: Janet Callen - Please let me know if you are coming. 664-1085

ACTIVITY: We will travel south along the Giant White Pine Scenic Byway to Moscow, Idaho, and home on Highway 95 looking for spring migrants. Along the way we'll stop at Giant White Pine campground or Laird Park, Spring Valley Reservoir, the Arboretum on the University of Idaho campus, and possibly at Phillips Farm. These stops are N33, N34, N35 and N39 in the Idaho Birding Trail Guide.

This will be a full-day trip, bring a large lunch and water and sharpen your birding skills for the Century Count.

CENTURY COUNT

The Benewah County Century Count is scheduled for **Saturday, May 31** this year. This is an all-day marathon to find at least 100 species in a single day, all within Benewah County. We last did a Big Day in Benewah County in 2003. We have reserved the "Chatcolet Cottage" at Heyburn State Park for the night before and the night after (Friday and Saturday nights). There are still a few places left.

Some of us will bird the bike trail on bikes in the morning while others will bird of foot around Heyburn State Park, then car-bird in the afternoon. Day-only participants will meet at the cottage in the morning. Contact Lisa Hardy (basalt@earthlink.net) for details.