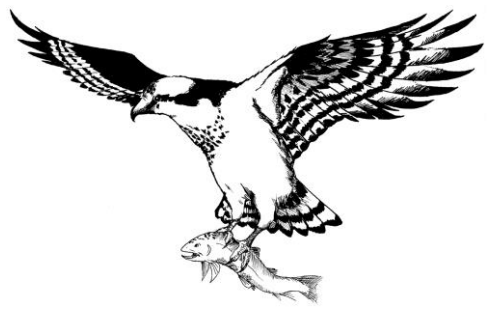


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Birds of Cuba



Alexander Sapiens, our May program speaker and a good friend of Jay Carlisle, was also on this trip. Darlene tells me he had an incredible camera and took many great photos. He is a good speaker and is known for giving outstanding programs of the birds of this area.

You can view photographs by Darlene on our Website in the "Photo Gallery. Go to <http://cdaudubon.org/Cuban%20Birds.html>

Photographed by Darlene Carlton

In February of 2015, one of our CDA Audubon members, Darlene Carlton, went on a birding trip to Cuba. The trip was organized and led by Jay Carlisle, Research Director of the Intermountain Bird Observatory. Partnering with the Caribbean Conservation Trust, they visited diverse areas of Cuba, including western forests, the Zapata area, and Cayo Coco on the north coast. These areas have most of the endemic bird species and are also a critical wintering area for many Neotropical migrants that breed in our eastern boreal forests.

May Program

Date: May 10, Tuesday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Alexander Sapiens, Ph. D.

Program: "Birds of Cuba"

June Barbeque/Potluck

Date: June 14, Tuesday

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: City Park - covered picnic area
Bring something to cook and a dish to share

President's Report May 2016

Eula Hickam



Photo by: Larry Krumpleman

Our 25th anniversary celebration was great fun, wasn't it? Members and friends had a good time, I think. I surely did. Thanks to George and Katie Sayler, Janet Callen, Lynn Sheridan, Barbara Christopherson and all the other Audubon friends and members who pitched in to help out! Some of the funds raised will be used to pay for signs to be put up near Osprey Nests.

The May meeting features Alexander Sapiens, who will be presenting a program about the birds of Cuba. I'm looking forward to learning more about a beautiful area of the world. I hope we'll have a full house!

My term as President ends with the June meeting and picnic. I have really enjoyed the role of President, but now it is time for someone else to step up and take the lead. I will be staying involved as program and publicity chair, but we will need a new

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President. So, who will it be? There are many qualified people who can do this - please volunteer. You won't regret it.

June 14 will be our Annual Meeting and Potluck. We will meet at the covered picnic area in the Coeur d'Alene City Park at 5:00 p.m. for a barbeque and potluck. There is plenty of room, so bring a friend! Bring a dish to share and something to cook. See you there!

Happy Birding, Eula



Adopt - a - Highway Spring Cleaning!

Mike Zagar

Thanks to the 19 individuals who helped in the spring 2016 litter pick-up along U.S. Hwy 95 on Saturday, April 16th. It was the largest turnout in recent memory.

We packed 21 bags of trash and were done in less than three hours!

Your next chance to participate will be this fall. Watch for the announcement in the newsletter.

Successful Celebration

George Saylor

It was both a historic and historical celebration on April 17, 2016, as 58 members and friends of Coeur d'Alene Audubon came together at the Greenbriar Inn to commemorate the 25th anniversary of our club. It was historic in the sense that the date marked our first quarter-century of existence as an incorporated non-profit club, and historical in nature as we reviewed many of the highlights and activities of our first 25 years. We were officially incorporated on December 17, 1990, and our first Fishhawk Herald newsletter was January, 1991. In that same newsletter was the first use of the Osprey as our "totem" bird.

The event featured a raffle, a silent auction, a full three course dinner and a PowerPoint presentation highlighting many of the activities, projects, and some of the personalities that have made our chapter a success. The one original member of our club in attendance was Shirley Sturts. Ronn Rich, another original member still active, was unable to be present, but Jan Severtson, who joined in 1991 and is still active, was there as were many other longtime members. Our special guest was Mary Lou Reed who was thanked for her continuing support of the Audubon Adventures program. Several members told brief anecdotal stories about their experiences as

part of CDA Audubon. We also raised approximately \$1,400 to help fund our club's activities.

Many thanks to all those who gave of their time, talent, possessions and treasure to make the event a success, and a thank you to the Greenbriar staff for helping to make the evening a pleasurable one.



Long-Eared Owl – photograph by Wayne Tree

Urban Birding - Kininda, Serbia "Owl Capital of the World"

Shirley Sturts

When we think of going on birding or wildlife trips we normally think about going to places like Africa, Costa Rica, or Ecuador. In the United States, a National Park, State Park, National Wildlife Refuge or other nature areas would be our destinations. However, after reading an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, I discovered an intriguing urban owl safari.

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Kikinda, Serbia, a town of 40,000 people, is also the winter home of the largest roosting population of Long-eared Owls in the world. Hundreds roost each winter in the trees in the middle of town from early November to the middle of March. Some have counted as many as 700-1000 in one day.

What is the attraction? Town is where the trees are. The *Wall Street Journal* article explains the mystery. "Farmers in the region use antiquated harvesting equipment that leaves kilos of grain on the ground, and they don't use poison to eliminate rodents, making the area a prime hunting area for owls. After feasting in the fields, the owls come home to roost in town. It is a quite a treeless region..."

David Limbo leads birding trips to Kikinda and surrounding areas. David is a British naturalist and author of "The Urban Birder". Or one can travel there and find a local guide.

If you google Kikinda Owls, you will find several websites with information. Here is the link to the Wall Street Journal article: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/owl-spotting-in-kikinda-serbia-1450296008> Here is a link to the "Urban Birder" Website with information about tours to see the owls led by David Limbo.

<http://theurbanbirder.com/tours/northern-serbia-winter-2015/>



Explore eBird

Shirley Sturts

Using eBird you can record birds you see, keep track of your bird lists, share your sightings with others and contribute to science and conservation. For practice in exploring data in eBird, follow the steps below to view the Mica Bay Survey reports I have submitted to eBird

1. Go to the eBird website:

<http://ebird.org/content/ebird/> (the eBird website address is also on the CDA Audubon website).

2. Click on "Explore Data", scroll down and click on "Bar Charts"

3. "Choose a Location", choose the region "Idaho", then select a sub-region "Counties in Idaho", scroll down and click on Continue

4. "Choose up to 15 counties", scroll down and click on Kootenai, scroll down and click on Continue

5. "Bird Observations", Scroll down to "Wood Duck", but click on "MAP"

6. You should now be looking at a map. If you zoom in you can bring up markers - click on the one next to Mica Bay.

7. Click on any checklist with my name and you will bring up the check list for that date

From now on I will be submitting records under Mica Bay Survey instead of under my name.

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Any of you who go on the Mica Bay Surveys can enter the birds seen on your own checklist. You can also create checklists for other birding that you do. Your checklists would show up on the map. If you want to do this, go back to the home page and click on "My eBird" to create an account.

Another way to explore

1. Go back to the Home Page.
2. Click on "Explore Data" then click on "Explore a Region"
3. Then type in just "Kootenai". Kootenai, Idaho, United States (US) will be one of the options. Click on that.
4. A list of checklists and dates will show up. Scroll down to "12 Feb 2016" and you will see Janet Callen's name. Click on the date and Janet's checklist will show up.

Field Trips

Phillips Farm/Genesee Sewage Lagoon

Date: May 7, Saturday **Time:** 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085. We will be looking for spring arrivals and shorebirds in Genesee. If time permits, we'll visit the U of I Arboretum and stop at the Tensed sewage pond. This will be an all day trip. Bring lunch and appropriate clothing.

Mica Bay Survey

Date: May 10, Tuesday (2nd Tuesday of each month-times vary)

Time: 8:00 a.m. In June, July and August

we will meet at 7:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leaders: Shirley Sturts 664-5318 and Janet Callen 664-1085

Turnbull Beginning Birdwatching

On **May 9, 11, and 13**, Spokane Audubon will be holding bird identification workshops at a site to be named later, followed by a field trip to Turnbull on May 14. For more information contact Gary Blevens at (509) 533-3661 or garyb@spokanefalls.edu

Spokane Audubon Field Trips

To see a list of their field trips go to:

<http://www.spokaneaudubon.org/page-281031>

Ball Creek Ranch+ **Date:** May 20- 22.

Contact Kris Buchler, 664-4739,

This field trip is full and will not be taking any more participants. Those who are registered will be receiving information on what to bring

Don't Miss The Annual Coeur d'Alene Audubon Century Count!

Area: Kootenai Count

Date: June 2, Thursday - all-day trip to find 100 species of birds

Contacts: Kris Buchler (664-4739), Lisa Hardy (783-1262) to register and find out the meeting place and time

Bunco Bluebird Trail Field Trip

Date: June 4, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Country Boy Café, Athol

Leader: Jim Lynn

Visit the bluebird trail created last year by Jim & Sheelagh Lynn, For information call 208 818-3014

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